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## Stop By And See Laura For Wreaths



**LAURA CINCOTTA** of Cincotta Farms on Springfield Street has many beautiful holiday wreaths and cemetery logs on sale at the popular farm stand. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**DONALD SOREL**, owner and operator of Southgate Liquors, says the closing of The Big Y has not hurt his business. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## With Big Y Gone, Southgate Merchants Looking To Future

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Ever since the shopping center was built in the late 1960's, Big Y has been a cornerstone of the Southgate Plaza on Suffield Street. It brought customers from Agawam and Suffield into the area and past the doors of neighboring businesses.

All that changed with the closing of the supermarket on November 17th. Business owners in the shopping center say it is too soon to predict how the loss of the Big Y will affect their businesses in the long run.

With the closing of the Ames Department Store in 1991, the Big Y closing leaves the shopping plaza with both anchor stores vacant, three vacant store fronts, and the vacant building formerly housing Shawmut Bank on the corner.

Deborah Dachos, Director of Planning and Community Development, said that while her office doesn't normally get inquiries on commercial space, she has helped landlords find tenants in the past when asked.

Dachos said, "Things are improving significantly in Agawam in terms of growth. There is no reason to have empty space."

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## Restaurant Owner Hits Big Time At Mass Millions

For Bill and Nancy Kozak and their family, the past six years of building their business at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills has been difficult, especially in the wake of the recession years of 1990, 1991, and 1992.

The couple sold their interest in Salvatore's Restaurant in Springfield in 1991 in order to give their full attention to Alexander's, which is located at 60 North Westfield Street.

But in 1993 and especially this year, the Kozaks have watched their restaurant move forward nicely. They could see the light at the end of the tunnel. Still, plenty of hard work lay ahead.

### The Only Winning Ticket

All that changed dramatically during the early morning hours of Saturday, December 10th, when Kozak discovered that he held the only winning ticket in the mega Mass Millions drawing. Unbelievably, the Kozaks will claim the winning jackpot of \$15,124,120 over the next 20 years.

And suddenly, the burden of owning and operating a restaurant in a still erratic and fragile economy in these parts was gone. That little tunnel (and the light at its end) suddenly became a brilliant morning sunrise at the Grand Canyon.

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**THE BIG WINNERS** - Bill & Nancy Kozak of Feeding Hills still can't believe they won the \$15 million Mass Millions Jackpot last Friday night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



# Athletic Chiefs Give Recreation Comm. Cold Shoulder

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson's proposal to appoint a Recreation Commission is getting mixed reviews from the leaders of the private sports organizations that use the town's facilities.

All of the league members contacted by *The AAN* objected to the idea that a commission that might not include anyone from the sports organizations would settle disputes between parents and the leagues.

According to the Mayor's proposal, the Recreation Commission would formalize the agreements the athletic associations have with the town; establish a grievance process to resolve disputes between parents and the leagues; and ensure compliance with the rules and regulations governing financial disclosure for non-profit organizations.

While some of the associations have no problem filing financial statements with the town, all agreed that the commission should include board members of the sports organizations.

## Comprised Of New Director And Six Voters

As part of Johnson's proposal to split the Recreation and Building Maintenance into two separate departments, the Recreation Commission would be comprised of the new director of Parks and Recreation and six registered voters appointed by the Mayor.

Johnson's proposal for the Recreation commission was tabled at the December 5th meeting of Town Council after a lengthy discussion. The debate centered on the grievance procedure the commission would set up to resolve conflicts between parents and the leagues. The proposal must be approved by the Town Council before the commission can be formed.

President of the Agawam Athletic Association for the last five years, Robert Hersey said the commission should be made up of five people from within the sports organizations because they have the knowledge and expertise to advise the new recreation director.

"They know what help is needed to improve the programs better than someone off the street," Hersey said. "They could help the new director get on his feet and get going. You've got to have the input from people who know what's going on."

Hersey said he wouldn't want to go into a grievance hearing before a group who doesn't

know how the association functions.

Hersey said he had no problem with providing the town with a financial statement.

The AAA currently has more than 700 youths enrolled in swimming and basketball programs for boys and girls aged six to 15.

Hersey received the Distinguished Service Award for 1994 from the Mass. Secondary School Athletic Directors' Association in recognition of his 25 years volunteering as a coach and administrator of the AAA.

## Would Be Of No Benefit

Jim Donovan, president of Agawam Little League East, told us, "I don't think an outside commission would be of any benefit to us. We hear all the complaints. There haven't been many and they're always handled by our board."

Donovan doubted whether an outside source would have authority to tell his board how to handle a complaint because they are a chartered league with the National Little League organization.

"I don't think a commission to oversee us is needed," Donovan said. "We can do the job very well. All the people on the board of Little League are very knowledgeable and intelligent people who care about the kids and the parents' opinions."

However, if a commission is approved, Donovan said it should include board members from the sports organizations to give insight into how the leagues are run.

Last year, 355 boys and girls, age six to 12, played baseball with Agawam Little League. Donovan said the league plays its games on two of the fields behind Phelps School. Donovan said he is currently looking into reports that the land was donated to the town by the Lions Club for the specific use of Little League Baseball.

Although the organization's financial records are always open to the parents, Donovan said, "I don't believe we have any obligation to report to the town."

Ray Scott, president of the Agawam Soccer Association, oversees the largest youth athletic organization with over 1,000 boys and girls, age four to 17.

While he agreed that a Rec Commission was a

good idea for the town, Scott said, "We don't need a department head when we have someone who's doing a great job already. Nancy Pryce (Park and Rec secretary) is very capable and knowledgeable about all the programs and the camps."

Scott added, "We should take the money we'd pay a director and use it to maintain the fields. Let the commission run the thing."

"I think the different athletic associations should be involved in the commission," Scott said. "Seniors should be a part of it and anyone concerned over the use of the fields."

Scott said his financial records are open to anyone in the association. "I don't think I should have to answer my finances to him (the Mayor)," Scott said.

As a board member of the Agawam Youth Football Association, William Menard said his organization is a member of the Suburban Amateur Football League and must abide by their by-laws as well as his league's own set of by-laws.

"If they want to put a Park and Rec Commission in and tell us how to run our organization, I don't think so," Menard said.

A grievance procedure set by the Rec. Commission would "cause more headaches," Menard said.

Menard said a Park and Rec Commission would be a good idea if the town was ready to take over the responsibility of running the athletic programs currently offered by the athletic associations.

However, Menard said he objected to a commission "trying to tell the organizations how to run their organizations."

"If the Mayor says we can't use the fields, just let him try," Menard said. Many of the players in the adult softball leagues playing on town fields don't even live in Agawam, Menard said.

## Disclosure Not A Problem

Although his organization receives no money from the town, Menard said financial disclosure was not a "big problem."

If the Rec Commission is approved, Menard agreed that people from the leagues should be involved. Menard said parents who don't want to invest the time it takes to sit on the board are "the first ones to complain."

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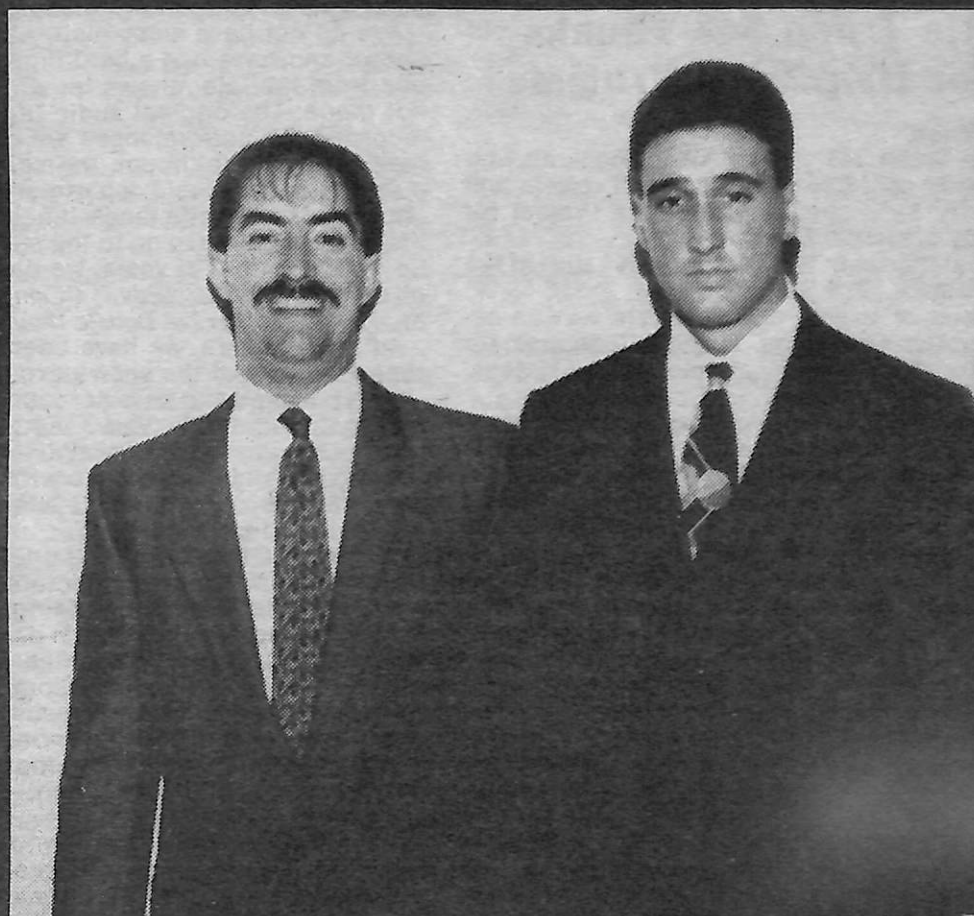
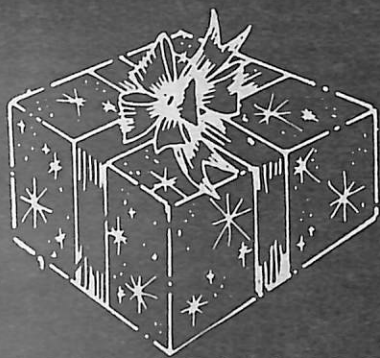




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## Letters To The Editor

### Cadette Troop 548 Thanks All For Help With Project

#### To The Editor:

Cadette Troop 548 would like to thank all who have already contributed good, used towels and blankets for their special Christmas Project for the Rowley Memorial S.P.C.A.

A special thanks to the teachers and staff at the Agawam Junior High School.

Donations of towels and blankets will be accepted through Christmas. These will be used for bedding for the orphaned puppies, kittens, dogs, and cats there.

If you can help with this drive, please contact one of Santa's helpers: Heather Adams, Debbie Boissonneault, Michelle Bitgood, Megan Conkey, Martha Manning, Mary Manning, Jessica Tudryn or call 786-5768.

Thank you for your support!

**Cadette Troop 548  
Agawam**

### "Holiday Baskets" Program Works With Open Pantry

#### To The Editor:

As chairperson of the Agawam "Holiday Baskets," I would like to express thanks to all the wonderful people who helped us collect non-perishable foods for the nearly 50 families in Agawam/Feeding Hills who may not have had a good Thanksgiving.

For several years, when October arrives we contact Diane Crowell at the Open Pantry for information on families they serve during the year. The Agawam Junior Women's Club then swings into action and tries to gather support from our community to fill the Thanksgiving and Christmas needs of these and several additional families in town. By doing this, we relieve some of the pressure on West Springfield Open Pantry and make the holiday season a little more personal for our neighbors.

Our collection boxes around town at the Town Hall, library, Fitness First, Games & Lanes, Ayre Realty, George & Green, Public Market, and Corner Deli have been a great help. Granger School, Clark School, Cincotta Garden Stand, Stop & Shop, Lucia Lumber, Stepanik Farm, Agawam Funeral Home, Feeding Hills Women's Club, and the Agawam Baptist Church, also gave great support for Thanksgiving "Holiday Baskets."

Once more, we are filling baskets for Christmas with food and toys. We have some support from the above as well as the Middle School, Agawam High School, Food Mart, Big Y, a few private individuals, and trees from Boglisch Nursery.

If you would like to help the in-town Open Pantry families in this project, please contribute to one of our boxes or send a contribution to **Agawam Junior Women's Club, P.O. Box 332, Agawam, MA 01001**, to help in the purchase of turkeys.

Thanks to all of you for making this season a little brighter for other Agawam/Feeding Hills families.

**Joyce Bressemer-Granger  
"Holiday Baskets" Chairperson**

### Former AHS Music Director Has Video Of School Musicals

#### To The Editor:

Some years ago, we selected a group of slides from the Agawam High School musicals (that were produced when the new high school was built, including those from 1956-1976) with the idea of having them available to show school or community groups, and in that process, worked on selecting some musical excerpts that might be used as a background to these presentations.

We do not have many pictures from the earlier shows and have had a hard time getting musical bits from the later shows for which records were not made. The original audio tapes on which we recorded the performances are on stereo (reel to reel) tapes and although the school does own a machine in the music department upon which we could make cassette tapes, it has been difficult to find enough time to go to the school and do this. So, for a number of years, we did not have audio bits from "My Fair Lady," "Camelot," "Dates and Mates," and "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

In recent years, we have been able to get the tapes from all of the shows except "Yankee Doodle" processed, but have not found time to get the bits matched up for "Dates and Mates."

In recent years, we have also experimented with putting the slides on a video with the background of some appropriate sound bits from the actual student productions.

The result has been a "fairly crude" attempt with many problems in picture quality, sound quality, in some cases not being able to find just the right background music or dialogue, but a video tape has been put together with the hope of future revisions to improve some of the original problems. However, not knowing just when this was going to happen, I have been getting a few copies of this original attempt out to former students or faculty who might be interested in having it.

At this point, we would like to make a copy of this video available to any former students, staff, or interested parties. They may be obtained by sending a blank tape to Mr. Darcy Davis, 1215 Main Street, Agawam.

In addition to the "Highlights" section (about one hour, 10 minutes), more complete versions of "Sound of Music" and "Camelot" are available and could be put on the same tape.

We hope to make improvements on this project in the future and make more complete versions of many of the other shows available. However, not knowing when this will be able to be completed, we have decided to get out this first "rough" draft version for those who would like to have a bit of memory from some of the "goings on" at Agawam High School during the years of these musicals.

**Darcy Davis  
Former AHS Music Director**

### Get Well Cards Can Be Sent To Michael Pietroniro

#### To The Editor:

Michael Pietroniro, son of Vinnie and Carol Pietroniro of Feeding Hills, is recovering from surgery he underwent last week at Children's Hospital in Boston.

For those of you who don't know Michael, he is a very special nine year-old boy who suffers from a severe seizure disorder.

If you'd like to send Michael a get well wish, you may send it to: Michael Pietroniro, c/o Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue, Room 918, Boston, MA 02115.

**Susan Shaw  
Southwick**

### Veterans' Groups Observe Battle Of Bulge Anniversary

#### To The Editor:

December 16, 1994 marks the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge, which occurred in Belgium and Luxembourg from December 16, 1944 to January 27, 1945.

It was the largest land battle ever fought by the United States Army. Throughout the country, thoughts will turn to the great sacrifices made by our men and women in the military so that we and our children could live in a free society.

During ceremonies on the Veterans' Green on Veterans' Day, we were fortunate to have Feeding Hills resident and highly decorated veteran, Mr. George Schlagle, speak on the Battle of the Bulge. He explained how, at the onset, the Germans had 200,000 troops and the allies had 80,000, or a three to one advantage.

At exactly 5:30 a.m., heavy shelling began along the 85-mile front for over an hour. An American battalion of 600 men faced a German Division of up to 16,000 men. The whole area along this front was in six inches of snow and thick, heavy, very low fog, and it was cold and windy. One veteran commented, "Can't ever remember feeling that cold before or since, or that miserable."

During this weekend, you will be hearing or reading about our veterans and their experience in the Bulge. I would like to share just a few facts given to me by John E. McAuliffe of Worcester, a member of the Battle of the Bulge Association. During this battle, more than one million men participated from both sides, more than the combined numbers of Union and Confederate soldiers in the Civil War.

The Battle of the Bulge was one of the costliest in American history. United States casualties totaled 81,000, including 19,000 killed and 15,000 captured. The Germans lost twice as many as we. Mr. Schlagle's notes indicate that it took two or three years to account for all of the men whose lives were lost.

General Creighton Abrams of Agawam, then a colonel, served in the Battle of the Bulge in the 4th Armored Division. He led the 37th Tank Battalion from Arlon up 40 miles to Bastogne, where the 104th Airborne was encircled. There were 20 tanks in his battalion and they were able to help bail the 104th out.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Wednesday, December 28th  
Christmas Vacation Magic Show  
for Agawam & Feeding Hills  
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Thursday, December 29th  
"Coffee Hour" to honor retiring  
Rec. Dept. Director Jack Kunasek  
At AHS Cafeteria  
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
The public is cordially invited

Saturday, December 31st  
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Colonel Abrams served under General Patton. The Colonel advanced to General and was in charge of Vietnam after General Westmoreland.

I've read many very upsetting details of this battle that are better left unsaid, as they can be very painful to those veterans who served. Rather, I would like to share with you a poem written by a veteran of the Korean Conflict who wanted the veterans of the Battle of the Bulge and other World War II veterans to know how much he appreciated the sacrifices made to keep this country free.

### A Veterans' Remembrance by Bob Moorshead, Jr.

*Thanks my friends for being there  
when I was just a kid.*

*Thanks for marching off to war,  
to perform the way you did.*

*With others who would harm us,  
you fought and yes you bled...*

*And stifled back a whimper  
when you saw a friend lay dead.*

*I was just a child at home  
as you left amid the tears,*

*And now that I reflect on it...  
I remember all the fears.*

*America, God bless her...  
bless those who keep her free,*

*From those who seek to chain us  
to a life of tyranny.*

Ruth Carr Bitzas  
Agawam Veteran's Agent

## Harlem Wizards Make Big Smash In Agawam

### To The Editor:

I would like to publicly thank everyone who helped the Agawam High School P.T.S.O. with the HARLEM WIZARDS. The entire day was a blast.

I would like to thank Louise David for opening her house to them for lunch, and the cooks, Iris Copson and Nancy Melbourne. I would like to thank Bob, the custodian at Granger School, for assisting "Lady Majic."

I would also like to thank the Junior High School, Middle School, and Granger School, for opening their schools for the Wizards to visit during lunch.

To the players, a deep appreciation for your PLAYING! Some of us were called the "Legends" by our coach, Phil McGeoghan. The other coaches were Todd Jorgensen and Dan Bodman.

I do not have the words to express my thanks as I feel in my heart.

Mayor Johnson, I thank you for giving your time to us. I appreciate it and so do the high school students.

To the volunteers that were there that night working for us, thank you. One in particular, Linda Marr, you saw that we needed help and stepped right in. She doesn't even have a child at the school.

Mr. Al Cohen from the High School, for all his hard work selling tickets at the door and also for weeks at the High School. Town Hall and Fitness First for being ticket outlets for us. The Gildersleeves, owners of SILHOUETTE SILK SCREENINGS, for donating the game shirts. If I left anyone out, please accept a huge THANK YOU!

The day was a day to remember! We met the Harlem Wizards for the first time at 10:45 a.m., Thursday, December 8th. We divided people and players up to go visit four of our schools during lunch time.

The students really enjoyed their visit. To try to find the words to explain the rest of the day is hard. However, fun comes to my mind first.

My two year-old fell in love with "JUMPSTART." A typical mother moment—the stands are full with over 500 people and the only thing I can hear is my baby crying somewhere for me and "JUMP-START." I spot Robert and go get him, and that is where he stayed for the rest of the night, with Jumpstart and Mom. He still walks around our house talking to the picture.

The people who came had a wonderful time. We are already planning the Wizards' next visit. That will be in March of 1996. We are changing the time of year because that is the only time that there is no sport in season at the High School.

Again, THANK YOU, EVERYONE!

Sincerely,  
Joann McGeoghan  
Agawam High School P.T.S.O.  
Co-president

P.S. A HUGE thank you to Kathy McSweeney. Without you, this event would have never happened!!

## Resident Takes Taylor To Task For Remarks About Walsh

### To The Editor:

#### To Mr. Taylor:

I doubt now that you will EVER be re-elected to the Town Council, let alone President of it, since your remarks about Mike Walsh. We don't need a bitter man in office; only someone who can keep his head and do the public some service.

Shame on you for even thinking Mike Walsh would do anything wrong if he were aware of it. He put 12 good years serving the community. Let him go out without a blemish.

Mr. Taylor, I think you owe Mike Walsh and the people of the Third Hampden District a public apology.

Thank you,  
Ernestine Book  
Agawam

## Town Already Has Excellent Person For Rec. Director

### To The Editor:

The latest proposal to split the Building Maintenance and Park & Recreation Departments into two separate departments is an excellent idea.

It is an idea that should be approved unanimously by the City Council. Such a decision will insure the continued excellent operation of the Recreation Department. Also, the high standards that have been set by Jack Kunasek and his very capable assistant, Nancy Pryce, hopefully will also be maintained.

In discussing the department split, the only area of discord between some of the Council members, as well as some members and the Mayor, seems to be who to hire as Jack Kunasek's replacement.

The logical solution to ending the discord among the councilors and the Mayor in this matter is simply to promote Nancy Pryce to head the Park & Recreation Department. She, after all, has been working in tandem with Mr. Kunasek in formulating policies and organizing all aspects of the department for over 12 years.

She has also supervised the day-to-day operations in Mr. Kunasek's absences and has helped prepare the budgets and maintain the various accounts within the department. She is very well respected by those who utilize the recreation programs and facilities and is known by all.

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Further, she will be able to maintain continuity and continue the excellent and close working relationship with the Building Maintenance and Ground Maintenance Departments.

Since being director requires a lot of after-hours work and easy accessibility, Nancy's Agawam residency would be another plus. In short, Nancy knows, does, and can do everything Jack does. Since all the councilors and the Mayor agree that Jack has set the standard for the Recreation Department, doesn't it make sense that the person who helped Jack set the standard should replace him?

We are told that we will save over \$6,000 by splitting the departments and hiring a new recreation director at a lower starting salary. That is good, to be sure, but why not save even more by promoting Nancy to director and hiring a replacement for her at a reduced starting salary as well?

In closing, if the Council and the Mayor truly want to hire the best person to replace Jack Kunasek, then that person can only be Nancy Pryce. No one else that could be hired can come close to knowing the job as well as she does.

She may not have a degree in recreation, but the qualifications, as set by the Mayor, don't require one. As the Mayor has said several times, equivalent knowledge and experience can replace the degree. In this case, such a statement couldn't be more true.

Louis Russo  
Feeding Hills

## Holiday Sing At Memorial Great Success For Town

### To The Editor:

We would like to thank all the family and friends that joined us to 'Sing in the Holiday' on December 2nd at the Anne Sullivan Memorial in Feeding Hills Center. The turnout was overwhelming.

Mr. James Loomis, Jr. was the official tree lighter. He was also responsible for decorating the tree and ensuring the lights all worked. A special thanks to you, Mr. Loomis.

Once the tree was lit, we sang a couple carols, then proceeded down North Westfield St. to spread cheer through the neighborhood and the elderly housing project.

Many thanks to the police officer that crossed us at the Center. With a crowd that large, it was quite a contingent to cross.

The evening concluded at Granger School with refreshments in the cafeteria. The Sabola and Long families won the raffle, each winning a door wreath.

Once again, thanks to all and have a safe, healthy, and happy holiday.

Doreen Gildersleeve  
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## Regular Council Mtg. Agenda For Dec. 19th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 12/5/94
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
  - (a) Resolutions
    1. TR-94-29-A Resolution Authorizing the Formation of a Charter Review Committee (Coun. Dziardziel & Thompson).
    2. TR-94-30-A Resolution Confirming the Appointments of Timothy T. Ayre and Karin Heffers-Ayre of 700 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001 to the Historical Commission for Three Year Terms Expiring January 1, 1998 (Mayor).
    3. TR-94-31-A Resolution to resolve the problems at the Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant at Bondi's Island (Coun. Balboni).
7. Report of Council Committees
8. Elections
  - (a)
    1. TE-94-8-Election of a regular member to the Board of Appeals to a term expiring January 1, 1998.
9. Public Hearings
  - (a) None.
10. Old Business
  - (a) Orders
    1. TOR-94-9-(PH-94-16)-An Ordinance to Amend Paragraph (8) of Subsection C and Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (9) of Subsection C of Section 49-7 of Chapter 49 of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Recreation and Building Maintenance) (Mayor)(2nd Reading).
    2. TOR-94-10-An Ordinance Establishing Section 3-8B of Chapter 3 of the Code of the Town of Agawam Entitled "Recreation Commission." (Mayor)(Tabled on 12/5/94)(1st Reading).
    3. TOR-94-11-An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3, Art. III Subsection 3-4 Entitled "Council on Aging." (Mayor)(2nd Reading).
    4. TO-94-52-Transfer-\$18,000 from Building Maintenance-Professional & Technical (3900-5300-R350) to Parks & Recreation - Salaries & Wages (3700-5110-R353)(Mayor)(Tabled on 12/5/94 until 3rd reading of TOR-94-9 is approved).
    5. TO-94-53-Application for video permit for Ronald Degray d/b/a Agawam Bowl at 359 Walnut St., Agawam, MA to operate 3 video and 2 pinball machines.
    6. TO-94-54-Voucher List (\$176.56).

## HIT THE JACKPOT - from Page 1...

"Can you believe this happened to me?" asked Kozak, 56, at his Robin Ridge home on Tuesday afternoon. "I still can't get over it. It's all been like a dream; on Saturday morning, I was running around the house screaming that I had won!"

Mrs. Kozak was sipping a cup of coffee, saying the past three days had indeed been dreamlike, and the reality of the family's incredible luck still had not fully hit her yet. "Nancy is reacting to this as though she won a weekend getaway to the local hotel," Kozak laughed about his wife.

Kozak said he felt like Michael Jordan ever since word spread around town like wildfire on Saturday that the winning ticket had been purchased at the Dairy Mart on North Westfield Street, and that it was the guy who owned Alexander's Restaurant who had won the whole pot of gold.

### Like New Year's Eve At Alexander's

"The restaurant was like New Year's Eve on Saturday night," Kozak said. "The place was packed with well-wishers and some people who came in just because they were curious."

Kozak put to rest rumors that he would sell the restaurant and begin a lifetime of fun and frolic to many of the more famous ports of call around the world. "Oh, I think it is safe to say we won't be working quite as hard at the restaurant from now on, but we will not be selling the restaurant nor will we be leaving the area. I do know, however, we will be taking a few more extended vacations from time to time."

Kozak said his phone continues to ring off the hook from money experts who claim they can assist him in making wise investments down the road.

The Kozaks are still consulting with their attorneys and accountants about the do's and don'ts of getting such a huge amount of cash, which will probably eclipse the \$500,000 range after taxes (the first check).

The couple does not anticipate heading for the Mass. Lottery Office in Braintree to collect their first check for at least a few more weeks. The winning ticket is locked away in a security vault at a local bank.

"We are thinking seriously about what to do with the money. I know I will be buying a new Cadillac very soon," said Kozak.

Mrs. Kozak says her husband only buys lottery tickets when the jackpot reaches for the sky, such as the one last Friday night. "He's been laughing and laughing all the time in the past few days," she told us. "It really is unbelievable. But this only proves that the unbelievable can happen to anyone."

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## Agawam Obituaries

### Dennis J. Devlin

Dennis J. Devlin, Jr., 74, of Palm City, Florida, died on November 29th at home.

He was a steamfitter superintendent at Harry Grodsky Co. in Springfield for many years, and belonged to Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Local 104.

He was born in Agawam, and lived in East Longmeadow before moving to Florida.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, and a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Thorndike, Palmer. He was an honorary life member and past president of the Hammond Acres Club Inc.

His wife, the former Irene Galarneau, died in 1985.

He leaves four sisters, Catherine Graves and Isabelle Nugent of Stuart, Florida, and Mary Borowiec of Long Island, New York, and Edna Rehor of Goshen; many nieces and nephews; and a friend, Mary Tierney.

A memorial service was conducted in the church, with burial at St. Thomas's Cemetery in Palmer. Roberge Funeral Home of Palmer was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA, 01040, or any other charity.

### Andrew S. Morris

Andrew S. Morris, 73, of 21 Sutton Place, Agawam, a 23-year postal clerk for the United States Post Office, died recently at home.

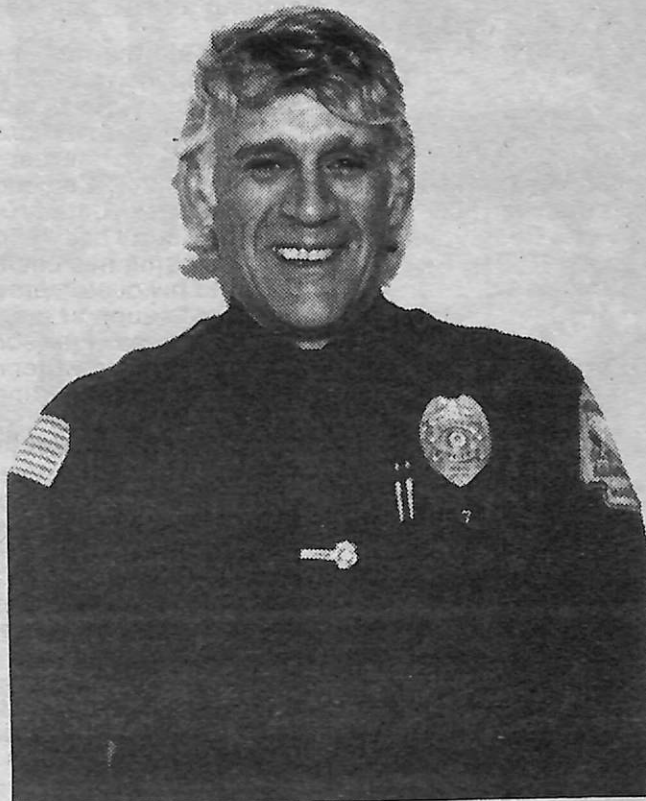
Born in West Springfield, he formerly lived in Springfield and Columbia, South Carolina, before moving here four months ago. He was a graduate of the former Springfield Technical High School.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II and Korean War. He survived the sinking of the USS Sea Lion in 1941, and made nine war patrols in the Pacific. He received the submarine combat pin with nine stars, and was awarded the Bronze Star.

He was a life member of the Sub Vets of World War II, the American Legion Post 430, and the Fleet Reserve Association Branch 246.

He leaves his wife, the former Norma E. Gilbert; a son, Andrew S. Jr. of Rembert, South Carolina; two brothers, Charles of Springfield, and George of Harwich, and a grandson.

The funeral was in the Sampson Liberty Street Funeral Home, and in Our Lady of Hope Church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.



POLICE OFFICER BENJAMIN A. MOORE

### Benjamin A. Moore

Benjamin A. Moore, 58, of 74 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, a 23-year police officer for the town of Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

Born in Bloomfield, New Jersey, he lived in Agawam for the past 25 years.

He was a graduate of Springfield Technical Community College and Western New England College in Springfield.

He was a member of the Massachusetts Police Association.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

He leaves his mother, Marion (Denton) Moore of Whiting, New Jersey; a daughter, Trista M. Moore of West Warren; two stepdaughters, Tina L. Valois of West Warren, and Karen DeVita of Savannah,

Georgia; four brothers, Enos S. Moore, Jr., of Newville, Pennsylvania, Samuel D. Moore of Whiting, James H. Moore of North Haledon, New Jersey, and David B. Moore of Denver, Colorado; and his fiancé, Gloria J. Caron of West Springfield.

The funeral was held Thursday morning, December 15th, at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, and burial was in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.

### Melvin A. Raichelson

Melvin A. Raichelson, 71, of 174 Beekman Drive, Agawam died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a mechanical engineer for Adam Industries in Enfield, and retired in 1989. He worked previously at the former Armstrong Tool Co. in West Springfield.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Longmeadow and West Springfield before moving here in 1986. He was graduated from the former Springfield Technical High School and the University of Minnesota.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, and received the Purple Heart, three Bronze Stars, and an American theatre ribbon. He was a communicant of St. Thomas's Church, and a member of the Shaker Farms Country Club.

He leaves his wife, Frances J. (Mascolo) Weiss Raichelson; a son, Steven Raichelson of Hooksett, New Hampshire; a daughter, Shelley Raichelson of Madison, New Jersey; three stepsons, Leonard Weiss and John Weiss of West Springfield, and Martin Weiss of Brooklyn, Connecticut; a stepdaughter, Marianne Moran of West Springfield; a sister, Marion Wool of West Springfield; a grandson, and seven step-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, all in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western Massachusetts, Inc., 1 Armory Square, Springfield, 01105.

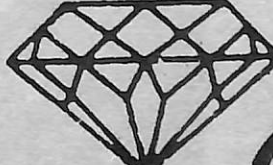
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## MERCHANTS LOOK TO FUTURE - from Page 1...

According to property manager Delores Reis, Southgate owner JRS Realty is "actively pursuing an anchor tenant. I can't say we're anywhere near signing a lease, but we do have a full-time leasing broker working on it."

Reis said the former Ames store is the right size for the more modern, larger supermarkets. "We have been talking to supermarkets about the Ames space," Reis said.

She confirmed rumors that the proposal to locate a Dunkin' Donuts store in the vacant Shawmut Bank building is "up in the air."

### Comments From Southgate Businessmen

**At Surprise! Card & Gift Shop**, owner Robert McElligott said traffic from the Big Y store had definitely helped his business in the past, but the effect of the closing has been slight up to now.

"I find my customers are very loyal and supportive of us over the years. If the people support me, I'll be here forever," McElligott said.

While he may lose some customers who liked the convenience of shopping for their cards after doing their grocery shopping, McElligott said many of his customers routinely check in to see what is new in their favorite line of collectibles.

Donald Sorel of **Southgate Liquors** said the most immediate effect of Big Y's closing is "150 new parking spaces."

Sorel said he's now lost the customer shopping for a bottle of wine to go with the groceries they've just bought, but it's still too early to tell how his business will be affected.

"The important thing is that most of these businesses are locally owned by people who have been here for a long time," Sorel said. "Just because Big Y is no longer there, that's no reason to abandon small businesses."

Sorel said he plans to "hang in there" and to continue offering his customers good values.

"We've always tried to be competitive with similar sized stores," Sorel said. "When we get a deal, we try to pass it on."

With seasonal sales of weather-related items, business has actually been up for Dennis Kreps at **Agawam True Value Hardware**.

Kreps said his store draws from an area of Agawam and Suffield, and many elderly residents patronize the store because they refuse to drive all the way to West Springfield for a light bulb or the cleaning supplies they used to buy at Big Y.

"This is the best-stocked hardware store in Western Mass," Kreps said. "And we stock housewares."

Optimistic over the long run, Kreps said with Big Y gone and fewer cars in the parking lot, "People are going to notice we're here."

Pointing to recent efforts to clean up debris behind the shopping center and the repainting of the graffiti-covered rear walls, Kreps said, "The owners have spent some money trying to refurbish the center. They're trying to make it an asset to the community."

Across the street, Leonidas Pananas has watched as several neighboring stores have become vacant since he opened the **Parthenon Restaurant** 10 years ago.

Panas said the closing of Big Y, Ames, and Smith Drug has cost him customers. "When they bring customers in, it's more exposure for your business," Pananas said.

A native of Greece, Pananas said, "In my country, we have a saying: 'When your neighbor goes down, you go down with him.'"

Every store closing means fewer customers passing by his business," Pananas said. "We're sitting over here, and it doesn't look good."

Panas lays the blame for empty stores on landlords charging rents that reflect the real estate market of the 1980's rather than today's market.

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## Maureen Price Named New Postmaster Of Feeding Hills Branch

The next time you stop by the Feeding Hills Post Office, the new postmaster probably will be assisting customers at the window with their various mailing needs, including packages of all shapes and sizes, or the purchase of a single stamp.

The new postmaster is a familiar face to many local residents who use the Feeding Hills Post Office. She's worked there for the past several years and has been the officer-in-charge as well.

### Much Dedication Noted

And for her 14 dedicated years with the U.S. Postal Service, Maureen B. Price of 664 North Westfield Street has been named the new postmaster of the Feeding Hills branch. It all became official last month with a swearing-in ceremony that included local dignitaries, political figures, and Post Office officials.

A Springfield native, Mrs. Price and her husband, Michael, have resided in town since 1981. She was raised in neighboring West Springfield and graduated from its high school in 1970. Her husband is a letter carrier for the East Longmeadow Post Office so the couple can easily share work-related experiences over the dinner table.

Mrs. Price has held many positions in the U.S. Postal Service over the past 14 years, including postmaster of the small Sandisfield branch beginning in 1987. She served as the officer-in-charge of both the Thorndike Post Office and Stockbridge Post Office in 1984/85 and 1989, respectively. She also served as a letter carrier in the Agawam Post Office when it was located on Main Street from 1980 to 1987, and as a clerk in several branches in Springfield.

Mrs. Price also has an impressive list of education and training through the Postal Service. Some of these included classes at the University of Massachusetts in 1982 and 1984, as well as significant in-house training while serving at her various assignments during the past 14 years.

Because of her wealth of postal experience and strong work ethics, Mrs. Price received much praise from one of her bosses, John D. Wallace, manager of Postal Operations of the Springfield District. Wallace gave Mrs. Price the oath of office at the swearing-in ceremonies last month.

### Many Special Projects

Mrs. Price has a long list of special assignments and projects on her resume. Some of these include legislative chairwoman of the Massachusetts League Of Postmasters from 1988-1991; vice-president of that same group in 1991 and 1992; member of Carrier Alert Program during her years as a letter carrier; co-chairwoman of the volunteer group for the Channel 57 Great Spring Auction from 1988 to 1991; and a fundraising chairwoman for the Muscular Dystrophy Association from 1984 to 1986.

SEE MAUREEN PRICE - Page 11...

## Happy 16th Birthday, Carrie!



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JOHN D. WALLACE, manager of Postal Operations of the Springfield District, swears in Maureen B. Price as the new postmaster of the Feeding Hills Post Office. Looking on is Maureen's husband, Michael, a letter carrier for the East Longmeadow Post Office. Advertiser

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U.S. CONGRESSMAN RICHARD NEAL (left), Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, and Town Council President James D. Taylor attended the swearing-in ceremonies of Maureen B. Price as the new postmaster of the Feeding Hills Post Office. Mrs. Price is pictured with her husband, Michael. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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**MAUREEN PRICE - from Page 10...**

She and her husband are avid buyers of antiques and collectibles. They own their own time share in Aruba and of course, enjoy the beach as well as riding motorcycles. Her husband flies remote control helicopters and she is a member of ZONTA.

At the swearing-in ceremony, the second grade class of Sharon Gendron from the neighboring Granger School recited the pledge of allegiance and offered a musical presentation. Having the children at the most important day of her postal career gave Mrs. Price great pleasure and said their presence significantly added to a most memorable event.

**Agawam Crime Prevention...****Alcohol & Alcoholism**

by Detective Wayne Macey  
Agawam Police Department

Alcohol problems touch every American, whether they drink or not. Accounting for 105,000 deaths each year, it is estimated that this year, \$136.5 billion will be lost in employment, reduced productivity, and health care costs all directly attributed to alcoholism.

The technical definition of alcoholism is that it is a primary, chronic **disease** with genetic, psychosocial, and environmental factors influencing its development and manifestations. The single most important word in the definition is disease.

Because of the fact that they are embarrassed and ashamed by it, most families refuse to believe that it is a disease. This denial often proves costly because alcoholism is progressive and fatal. Alcoholism afflicts some 18 million Americans and its treatment is a \$4 billion a year business. Put into simple language we can all understand, alcohol is the most widely abused and destructive drug in America accounting for more deaths every year than all other drugs combined.

Alcoholism's hereditary ties have long been suspected because alcoholism often runs in families. Other environmental factors such as the stress of financial or other personal problems are also thought to play a significant role in the disease.

This argument is bolstered by the fact that there are few alcohol-abuse problems experienced by groups such as the Amish and the Mormons whose upbringing discourages alcohol use. Children of alcoholics have four times the risk of developing the disease compared with children of non-alcoholics.

The disease is five to six times more common in men than in women, which suggests that society has been more tolerant of men drinking. Some of the problems associated with alcoholism include premature death through overdose, organic complications involving the brain, liver, heart, and other organs, homicide, motor vehicle crashes, and other traumatic events.

Each year, there are about 50,000 highway deaths of which approximately 50 percent are alcohol related. Alcohol related highway accidents are responsible for the deaths of nearly 10,000 15 to 24 year-olds annually. Lastly, drowning is the third leading cause of accidental death in the United States and alcohol is involved in 70 percent of all drowning deaths.

Alcohol, unfortunately, is the drug of choice by the majority of high school seniors and many underclassmen. It remains cheap, readily available, and accepted. One woman once told me that her daughter's 16 year-old boyfriend wasn't involved with drugs.

He had "the usual beers on the weekend," but thank God, no drugs. Although media has of recent, made some strides in the right direction, more attention will have to be focused on consumption and the consequences of abuse.



**THE SECOND GRADE CLASS** of Sharon Gendron provided the musical entertainment at the swearing-in ceremony of new Feeding Hills Postmaster Maureen B. Price. **IN PHOTO** left, Mrs. Price is pictured with her husband, Michael; sister, Judy Veremey (left); and mother-in-law, Peg Price. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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## Events Schedule For Agawam's New Year's Eve

The Mid Winter Night Committee has finalized the schedule of performances for the town's annual New Year's Eve festivities.

It is planned as a day of family fun and entertainment that will still allow all to be home in time to welcome the New Year. Admission to all performances and horse and carriage rides are included in a one time charge for badges—\$4 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under.

Badges will be available at Town Hall, the Agawam Public Market, the Senior Center, the Agawam Public Library, and E.B.'s Restaurant. They will also be available at each performance site on New Year's Eve.

If you have any questions, contact the event's coordinator, Richard Mundo, at the Senior Center, 786-0400, ext. 242.

The schedule is as follows with time, performer, and site listed:

**4:00-4:45:** Music, Magic and Mime by Kit and Kaboodle, Agawam Baptist Church.

**4:30-5:30:** Stories and Songs by Minstrel Mary Jo Maichak, Agawam Center Library.

**4:45-5:30:** Magic by Tom O'Brien, Agawam Congregational Church.

**5:15-6:00:** Music and Singing Games by Roger Tincknell, Captain Charles House.

**5:30-6:15:** Pantomime by Robert Rivest Mime. Theater, Agawam Congregational Church.

**5:45-6:30:** Music, Magic and Mime by Kit and Kaboodle, Agawam Baptist Church.

**5:45-6:45:** Stories and Songs by Minstrel Mary Jo Maichak, Agawam Center Library.

**6:30-7:15:** Magic by Tom O'Brien, Agawam Congregational Church.

**6:45-7:45:** Music by Ambiance Wind Quintet, Agawam Center Library.

**7:00-7:45:** Music and Singing Games by Roger Tincknell, Captain Charles Leonard House.

**7:15-8:00:** Pantomime by Robert Rivest Mime. Theater, Agawam Congregational Church.

**7:30-8:30:** One-Act Plays, Agawam Repertory Theater, Agawam Baptist Church.

**8:00-9:00:** A-Ray of Elvis by Ray Guillemette and the Memphis Jam, St. John's Parish Hall.

**8:30-9:30:** Music by Ambiance Wind Quintet, Agawam Center Library.

**9:00-10:00:** One-Act Plays, Agawam Repertory Theater, Agawam Baptist Church.

**9:30-10:30:** A-Ray of Elvis by Ray Guillemette and the Memphis Jam, St. John's Parish Hall.

Horse and carriage rides will be available throughout the evening, weather permitting.

## Melconian Says Time Running Out To End State's Business For Current Year

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) recently reminded her colleagues at the State House that time is running out this year to attend to unfinished business remaining before the legislature.

"The clock is ticking on welfare reform, automobile insurance reform, and the transportation bond bill," said Melconian.

In the waning days of this session, the legislature scored a victory last week by enacting a capital gains tax cut. Senator Melconian applauded the decisive acting by stating, "Cutting capital gains taxes will stimulate economic development in Western Massachusetts by spurring business expansion and investment, boosting the housing market, and creating new construction jobs."

The future of the Transportation Bond Bill looks bright. The Transportation Bond Bill is expected to be reported out of the conference committee and on to the House floor next week.

"I am hopeful that the conference committee report will adopt the amendments I successfully introduced on the Senate floor that would provide up to \$50 million in funding for public works projects through the Public Works Economic Development Program, and \$1.5 million to develop and test a prototype of a high speed ground transportation (MAGLEV) vehicle."

Melconian stated, "We will have just over two weeks left in the legislative session, starting on December 19th, and a full agenda of issues to tackle. The best Christmas gift we can give the people of Massachusetts is meaningful reform of

the welfare and automobile insurance systems."

The Senate still does not have the votes necessary to override Governor William F. Weld's veto of the welfare reform package contained in the Fiscal Year 1995 budget. "We need meaningful welfare reform now, not a one year delay. Welfare reform is being held hostage by the irresponsible actions of two Boston-area Senators. While they play games to prevent the override, the abuses, frauds, and welfare scams continue to mount. The family cap and work requirements mandated in the budget package are a positive first step," added Melconian.

Senator Melconian's auto insurance reform package, passed by the Senate last January, has yet to see the light of day in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

"The only chance to rescue auto reform rests in the hands of outraged citizens who will not tolerate the industry's attempt to hoodwink consumers by offering a negligible rate increase, while many of our communities in Western Massachusetts will experience a territorial change which represents a six percent on average increase in auto insurance premiums. Contact your Representative and House leaders and vent your frustration at their inaction and broken promises," urged Melconian.

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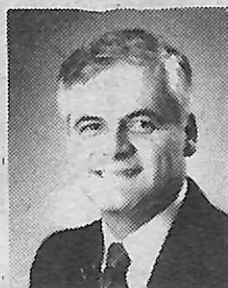
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## Families

*"Oh Chrismtas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree..."*



AGAWAM CALL FIREFIGHTERS Brian Schneider and Warren Miodowski sell Christmas trees for the organization behind Rocky's Hardware last Saturday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## La Leche League Mtg. Postponed Till January

The West Springfield-Agawam La Leche League meeting for December has been postponed due to the holidays.

Anyone with breastfeeding or mothering questions that need answering before the January meeting, should call Jeanne, 739-7923; Teresa, 734-5922; or Chris, 737-9700.



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AGAWAM CALL FIREFIGHTER Mike Nicora (right) holds a cemetery log with Raymond Morganstern as Kay Byington looks on. The Call Firefighters are selling Christmas trees in an area behind Rocky's Hardware. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Oldies Dance Being Held At Polish Club

If you like that old time rock and roll, if it's the kind of music that just moves your soul, mark your calendars now for the eighth annual Operation Friendship "Oldies Dance" to be held on Saturday, January 21, 1995 at the Polish Club in Feeding Hills.

DJ "Dancing Dave" will start rocking and rolling at 8:00 p.m. for an evening of non-stop dancing until midnight.

There will be door prizes and a raffle. Tickets are available for \$6 in advance (please call Kathy Cassanelli at 789-1255) or \$7 at the door.

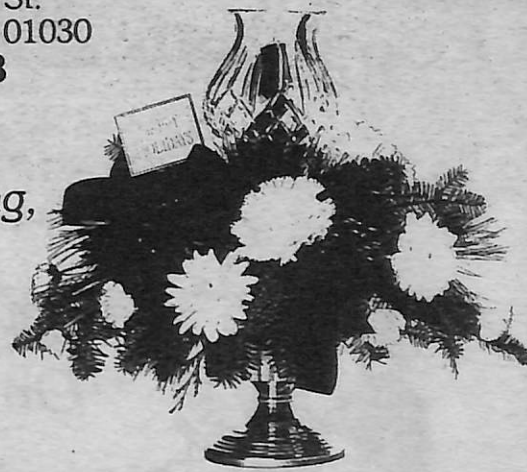


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## "Oh Christmas Tree..."



PAT CINCOTTA of Cincotta Farms on Springfield Street holds a cemetery log last week at the popular farm stand. Christmas trees and wreaths are also being sold at Cincotta Farms. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Celebrating Hanukkah



HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME RESIDENTS and their families recently gathered for a Hanukkah Celebration. Above is a needlepoint picture of a Rabbi reading The Torah created by Heritage Hall resident Lucy Katz (North Building). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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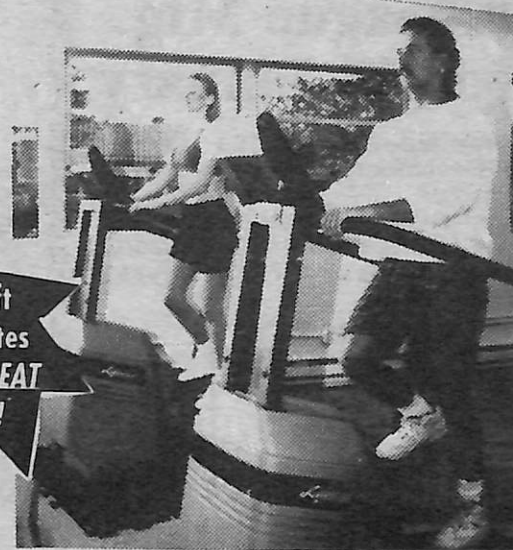
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## MSPCA Offers Pet Owners Gift & Safety Tips This Christmas

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) has some great gifts ready for retrieval for those animal lovers on your holiday shopping list.

**The Gift of Health:** Is a gift certificate good for services at any one of the MSPCA's three animal hospitals. The certificate can be applied to any veterinary service, from dental exams to behavior classes. Hospital locations include Angell Memorial in Boston, Rowley Memorial in Springfield, and Nantucket Animal Hospital on Nantucket Island.

**The Gift of Love:** A gift certificate for an MSPCA shelter companion is redeemable at any of the MSPCA's seven animal shelters. This unique gift enables the recipient to adopt the right pet at the right time. Shelter locations are in Boston, Brockton, Centerville, Methuen, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and Springfield.

Order now and certificates come with a complimentary fleece chew toy, compliments of Willoughby's Finest of Vermont.

The MSPCA also reminds pet owners about holiday safety:

- \* Keep pets away from holiday decorations, such as tinsel, lights, and plants.
- \* Give pets nutritious snacks. Rich holiday foods can be harmful.

- \* Secure the Christmas tree. Playful pets can knock them down.

- \* Select safe pet toys that do not have sharp edges or removable parts.

- \* Make ground travel plans ahead of time and be sure to find accommodations that allow pets. Restrain pets while driving—either in a pet seatbelt or carrier. Remember to provide frequent rest and water stops.

- \* If there is no alternative to air travel, take precautions for your pet's safety. If possible, have your animal with you on the plane in a carrier. If in the cargo hold, select a carrier with proper ventilation on at least three sides and with room enough to allow the animal to stand and turn around. Place your pet's favorite blanket in the carrier for warmth. Avoid the use of muzzles. Make sure your pet has a thorough exam and a clean bill of health prior to travel. Get direct flights and avoid flying on days that are extremely cold or hot.

Short-faced breeds, as well as older or ill animals, face an additional risk when flying. Pugs, Pekingese, and boxers, for example, have difficulty breathing because their anatomical facial structures often cannot accommodate the rapid breathing associated with travel-induced stress. Check with your veterinarian before flying.

- \* Always have current identification on your pet at home and when away. Have the phone number of your temporary residence on your pet's tag when visiting relatives and friends.

- \* Remember to pamper your pet during the holidays. Their unconditional love will be yours throughout the New Year!

For further information about pet safety during the Yuletide season, contact the MSPCA's main office: 350 South Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA, 02130, (617) 522-7400.

## The Yarn Shop Conducts "Share The Warmth" Campaign

For the second consecutive year, scores of area knitters are participating in The Yarn Shop's "Share the Warmth" campaign.

Knitters get winter hat or mitten kits free of charge at the Feeding Hills store. They donate their time by knitting the warm hats and mittens, and returning them completed to The Yarn Shop; The Yarn Shop, in turn, donates all the items to the Springfield Rescue Mission.

Last year, nearly 200 hats found their way to the Rescue Mission on Bliss Street. The Yarn Shop also gives the knitters a discount coupon for each completed item.

The Springfield Rescue Mission is one of the oldest human services agencies in the area. Founded in 1882, it provides food, shelter, clothing, and advocacy free of charge.

Ron Willoughby, Rescue Mission director, says his organization "was delighted to receive so many hand-knitted items last winter. They were a big hit at our Christmas party, when we like to give out new items."

Willoughby expressed his appreciation to all the people who participated in the "Share the Warmth" campaign. "We are grateful to The Yarn Shop and its customers," he said, "and we look forward to another season of generosity."

Knitters can get their kits through year end. The Yarn Shop is located at the Galleria Shoppes on North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

## There Are Several Ways To Handle Discussion Of Santa Claus With Your Children

You thought you were quietly moving those hidden Christmas presents you bought for the kids. They've been stashed away in a special hiding place in the attic, just waiting for Christmas Eve when you play the role of good ol' Saint Nick.

You look up as you carry the presents downstairs, only to find your wide-eyed child, who was expecting to see a jolly guy in a red suit.

It is time to tell him the truth about Santa?

"Only if he asks," said Dr. Matthew Friedman, chief, Child Psychiatry at Baystate Medical Center.

"Santa Claus makes Christmas more fun and interesting for children, and believing in Santa brings enjoyment and excitement into their lives," Friedman said.

Most counselors agree that an active fantasy

life is a significant and essential part of a child's development. "Children believe what they want to believe," Friedman said.

Between the ages of three and four, most children can't distinguish clearly between fantasy and reality. They thrive on make-believe, and many times they actually believe the tales they tell.

Friedman said the ages vary as to when a child is ready to let go of the myth. "Usually around the age of five or six, children begin to discern what is real and they start asking questions about Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny," he said.

When children become too curious and ask, you'll have to tell them the truth. But until then, let them believe and enjoy the myth, Friedman said.

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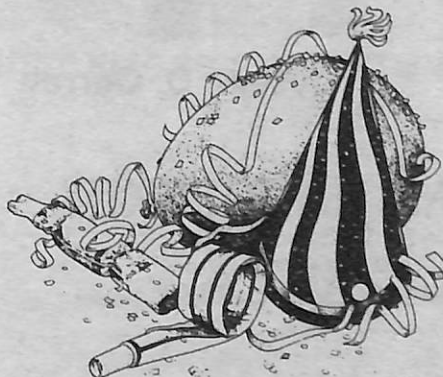
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## "Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree..."



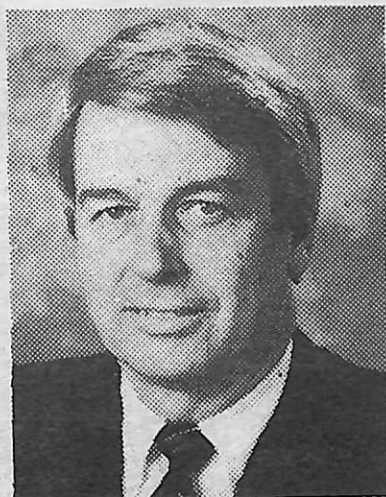
FLOCKED CHRISTMAS TREES are a specialty of Cascio Nursery on Meadow Street, Agawam. Here, employee Bob Germain applies his artistry to a Balsam tree. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



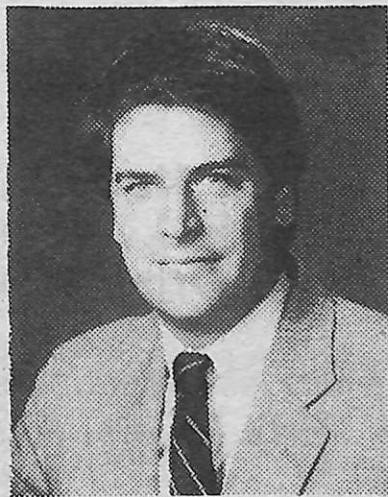
FLOCKED WREATHS, REGULAR TREES, FLOCKED TREES, and decorative wreaths are all being sold at Cascio Nursery on Meadow Street, Agawam. From left - Erin Shenefield, Marianne Shenefield, and Jennifer Cascio. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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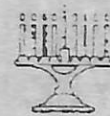
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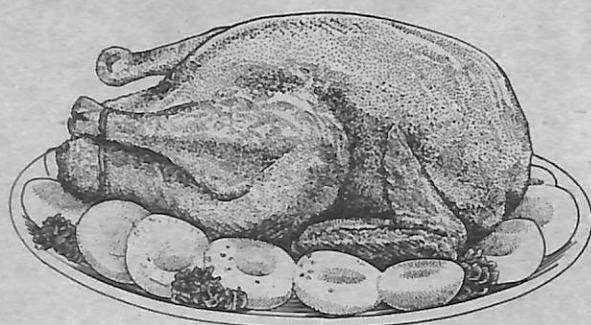
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Whole Butt Tenderloins	\$4.29 Lb.
Whole Boneless Top Sirloins	\$1.99 Lb.
Whole Pork Loins	\$1.59 Lb.

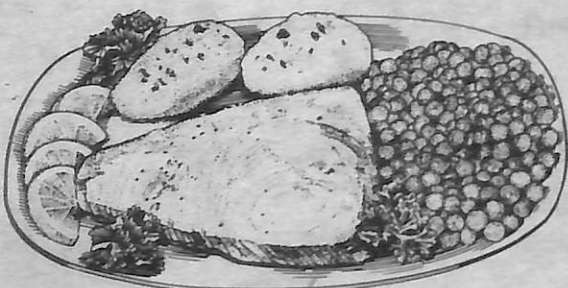
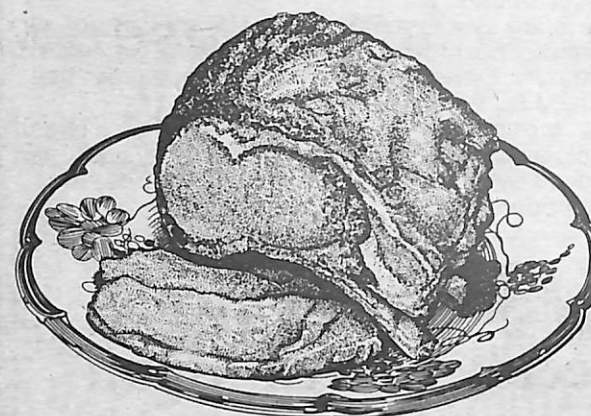
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## SEAFOOD

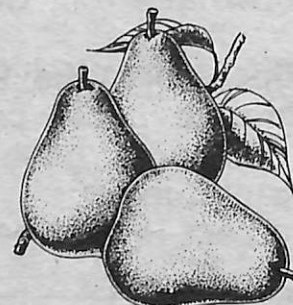
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## Aristea Demetriou Weds Mr. Fenney

Aristea Demetriou and Alfred Fenney, Jr., were recently united in marriage at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Springfield.

The bride is the daughter of George and Vasso Demetriou of Springfield. The groom is the son of Alfred Fenney, Sr. of Agawam and Gail-Ann Melloni of Chugiak, Alaska.

Eleni Hogan served her sister as matron-of-honor and sponsor. Daniel Giordano served as best man to the groom.

The bridesmaids were Sonya A. Frisbie (sister of the groom), Michelle L. Gregoire, and Kellee Donahue-Szymczyk. Flower girl was Arianna Cage.

Groomsmen were James Maloney, Jr., William Fairlie, Jr., and David Jenks, Jr.

The reception took place at the Colosseum Banquet House.

The bride is a graduate of the High School of Commerce, Springfield, and Springfield Technical Community College. She is employed by Lee Hirsch, M.D., Springfield.

The groom is a graduate of Agawam High School and served in the U.S. Army. He is employed by Radding Signs and Billboards, Inc.

The couple resides in Agawam.

## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, December 19th:** Baked chicken breast, potato puffs, broccoli & cauliflower, oatmeal bread, fresh pear.

**Tuesday, December 20th:** Meatballs & ravioli primavera, tossed salad, Canadian oat bread, applesauce with raisins.

**Wednesday, December 21st:** Salisbury steak, egg noodles, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, jello with fruit.

**Thursday, December 22nd:** Christmas Celebration—Roast pork, pan-roasted potatoes, butternut squash, snowflake roll, Christmas cake.

**Friday, December 23rd:** 9:00 A.M. Brunch—Orange juice, pancakes, breakfast sausage, hashbrowned potatoes, fruit cup.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

## Fleet Reserve Assoc. To Meet At Westover AFB In Chicopee

Southwick: The monthly meeting for Branch 246 of the Fleet Reserve Association will be held December 20th at 7:00 p.m. Branch meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at the Consolidate Club, Westover Air Force Base, Chicopee, MA.

Membership in the Fleet Reserve Association is open to eligible men and women of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard (active duty or retired).

Anyone eligible who would like more information is invited to attend the Branch meetings, visit with the shipmates, learn what's going on with your benefits, or you may contact Branch President Raymond E. Howard, Southwick, MA or Secretary John Gannon, Westfield, MA.

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## Melissa Barr Engaged To Wed Frank Moccio

Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Barr of Carol Avenue, Feeding Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa, to Frank Moccio. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moccio, Jr., of Royal Street, Agawam.

The future bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and Springfield Technical Community College. She is employed by Alphagraphics Printshops Of The Future in West Springfield as a lasergraphics specialist.

The future bridegroom is also a graduate of Agawam High School and Western New England College. He is employed by Tantasqua Regional Junior High School in Sturbridge as a teacher.

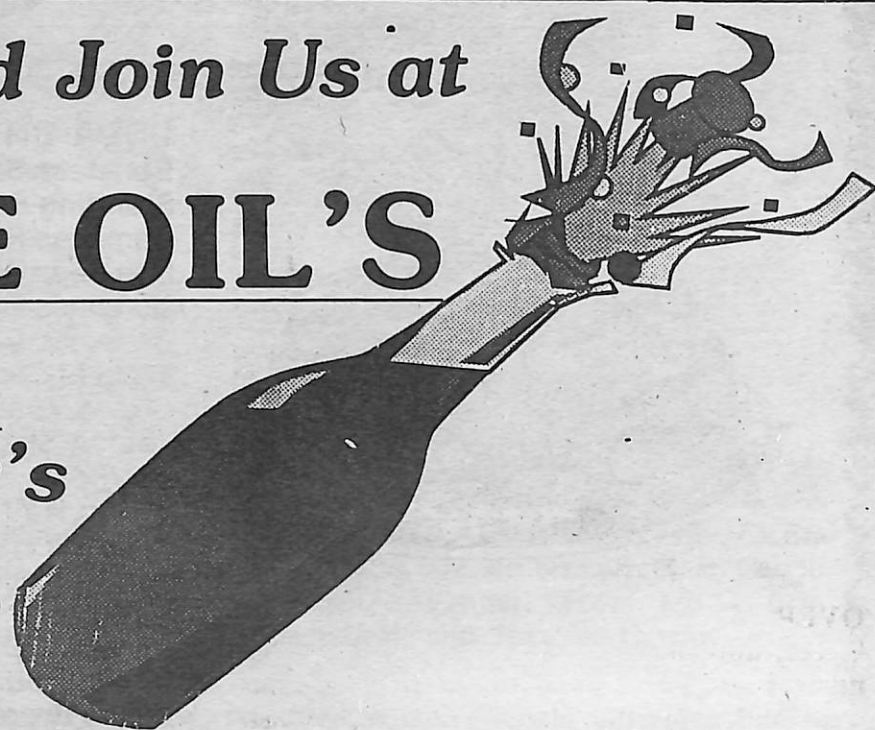
A February 18, 1995 wedding is planned.

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## "Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree..."



**OVER AT MITCH'S NURSERY** on Suffield Street, store manager Mark Thibeault says the nursery still has a good supply of Christmas trees and poinsettia plants available. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**MITCH'S NURSERY ON SUFFIELD STREET** has been described as a Christmas wonderland because of the many picturesque holiday displays throughout the nursery. Mitch's is open seven days a week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Junior Women's Club Still Has Good Supply Of 1994 Ornaments At Local Businesses

The 1994 ornaments are here! This year's ornaments feature the Anne Sullivan Memorial entitled "Water" by Mico Kaufman. The style is very similar to last year's ornament. This ornament is the fourth one in a series.

Ornaments can be purchased for \$5. The proceeds go toward community service projects. They can be purchased at The Corner Deli, Surprise! Card & Gift, Feeding Hills Public Market, and the Agawam Public Market. You could also contact Pam at 789-3274 or Betty at 786-4357 to

purchase one.

We do have a limited supply of previous ornaments of the Captain Charles Leonard House, the Agawam Library on Main Street (which now houses the Head Start program), and the Middle School. Please call Betty at 786-4357 if you're interested in purchasing one of those.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

### Forest Park Zoo Now Holding Winter Hours

The Zoo in Forest Park announces that between November 15th and April 1st, it will be closed on most weekdays. During this period, it is open all Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and throughout all school vacations.

Parker Hodgman, President of the Forest Park Zoological Society, noted that the colder season is a wonderful time to visit. "The Zoo is uncrowded and it is delightful to see many animals with their winter colors," Hodgman said.

The Zoo is promoting memberships, Adopt An Animal, and Zoo passes, all of which make great holiday and Christmas gifts.

For further information and order forms, please call the Zoo at (413) 733-2251.

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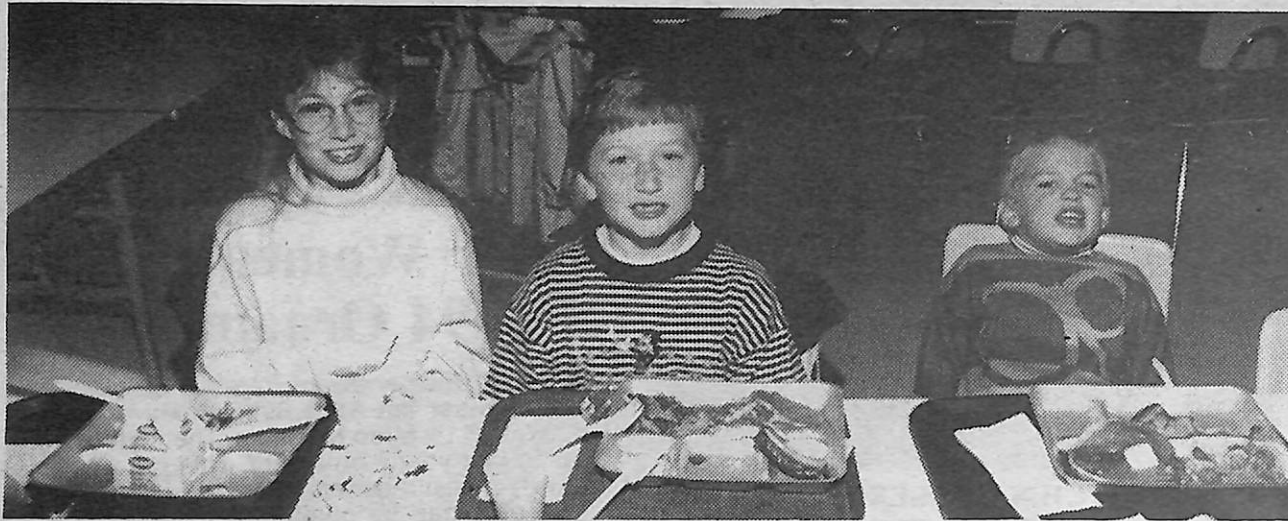
## Agawam Jr. Women Hold Pancake Breakfast With Mr. & Mrs. Claus



JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB members Eva Jack (left) and Diane Graveline work the grill at the club's Annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus on December 4th. Related photo on next page. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



EATING THEIR PANCAKE BREAKFAST before seeing Santa & Mrs. Claus at the Middle School on December 4th included, from left - Louis Siano, William Siano IV, and Tommy Cortese. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ASHLEY EDMUNDS, KRISTOPHER KELLY, and KODI KELLY enjoy their pancake breakfast provided by the Agawam Junior Women's Club on December 4th. Santa & Mrs. Claus were the featured attraction. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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**CAPTAIN CHARLES LEONARD HOUSE** Trustee Alice D. Smith opens an old trunk at a holiday open house at the town's most historic landmark on December 4th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**CAPTAIN CHARLES LEONARD HOUSE** Board of Trustee members, from left - Brenda Curran, Richard Bellico, Marilyn Curry, and Jeanne Webster were on hand to greet townspeople who attended an open house on Sunday, December 4th, of the town's most famous historic landmark, located in Agawam Center. **BELOW**, a collection of old dolls was on display for those who attended. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## West Side/Agawam Open Pantry Slates Xmas Eve Dinner

The annual Christmas Eve Dinner, sponsored by the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry, will be held on Saturday, December 24th, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 802 Main Street, West Springfield.

The dinner will feature lasagna made by the women of the First United Methodist Church; salad and rolls donated by Don's Deli and Fruit Shop of Chicopee; and a scrumptious dessert table with a wide variety of Christmas pastries.

Also, each adult will receive a personal care bag with socks, and there are gifts for the children. Approximately 200 people are expected to attend.

Volunteers are needed to help serve and give out gifts and Christmas desserts for the dessert table. Anyone wishing to help can call the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry at 734-7969 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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# Church News

## Holiday Bazaar At St. John's Church



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH held its Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 3rd. From left - Jennie Christopher, Judy Shrader, Paula Raiche, Mickie Adelman, Minnie Moran, Lucille Harpin, and Julia Crawford. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Activities At Agawam United Methodist

Agawam United Methodist Church invites you to join its members in worship at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday.

There is Sunday School at worship time. Nursery care is provided.

A Song Service and Prayers will be conducted by the Lay Leader at 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study at the Parsonage takes place on Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Services are as follows:  
Family Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.;  
Christmas Eve Service, 11:00 p.m.; Service on  
Christmas Day, 9:30 a.m.  
All are invited.

For more information about events and activities at Agawam United Methodist Church, call 786-4174 or 786-5278.

### Faith Bible Announces Christmas Service

Faith Bible Church will be celebrating the birth of the Savior with a very special Christmas Day service beginning at 11:00 a.m.

We invite you to join with us on Sunday, December 25th, and help us celebrate this wondrous event. Faith Bible Church is located at 370 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam.

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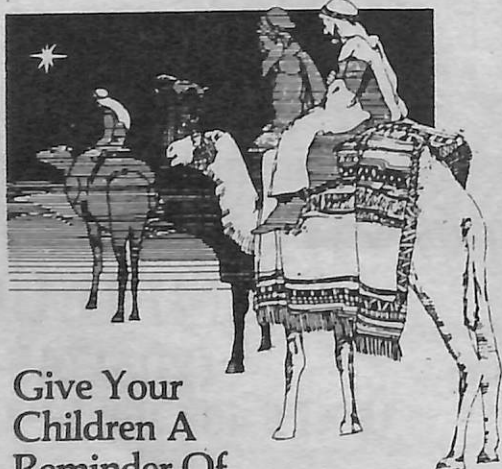
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## Church News - continued...

## Holiday Bazaar



CAROL BEELE (left) and Peggy Shoemaker were selling religious articles at the St. John's Church Bazaar on December 3rd. Related photos on previous page. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Church Of The Bible Announces Holiday Services

### Sunday, December 18th

Please join us as our children re-enact the story of Christmas in a program entitled "A Night to Remember." The presentation, which begins at 10:00 a.m., features traditional and contemporary music from both adults and children, as well as interaction from the audience.

"Whatever Happened to the Baby?," a message from the Bible, will follow the program. The morning will finish with a time of refreshment and fellowship. Agawam Church of the Bible meets at the Agawam Junior High School on Springfield Street, across from the Super Stop & Shop.

### Saturday, Christmas Eve

On Saturday, December 24th, from 4:00-5:00 p.m., you are invited to join with Agawam Church of the Bible for the church's annual Christmas Eve service. The evening will include a mix of readings, prayer, Scripture readings, and music (both traditional and contemporary) from those present. This family-friendly service will conclude with the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus," which will be followed by a time of refreshment and fun, sing-along Christmas songs.

(See below for the service location.)

### Saturday, New Year's Eve

Agawam Church will be meeting on Saturday, December 31st, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. to reflect on God's provision in 1994, through the good times and the difficult ones. Again, you are invited to join us for this time of worship and sharing.

NOTE: Both the Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve services will be held at the Faith Bible Church on Shoemaker Lane in Agawam. Regular Sunday services will begin again at the Agawam Junior High School on Sunday, January 8th.

## Faith Bible Church To Present Christmas Play

Faith Bible Church will be presenting a Christmas program entitled "John's Christmas Search" on Sunday, December 18th, at 6:00 p.m.

The program tells the story of John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, coming back to the earth in our present day and finding things much different than expected.

Both children and adults will take part in this entertaining and thought-provoking play.

We invite the public to come and celebrate the season with us. Faith Bible Church is located at 370 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam.

## Agawam Congregational Church Lists Christmas Week Calendar Of Events

This Sunday, December 18th, is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. During our 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, the Sanctuary Choir (directed by Brian Kirby) will present a Christmas Cantata.

Come and enjoy a morning of beautiful voices, music, and a spiritual uplifting during this busy holiday season.

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The Club 45 (fourth and fifth graders) Group will be Christmas caroling this Sunday, December 18th, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

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The 1994 Christmas Pageant will be held on Christmas Eve, December 24th, at 5:00 p.m. The dress rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, December 21st, at 6:30 p.m.

All who would like to be a part of this special

way of celebrating Christmas may come.

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The three Christmas Eve services on Saturday evening, December 24th, to celebrate the birth of Jesus, will be a Christmas Pageant (with the children and youth) at 5:00 p.m.; a Carols & Candles Service at 7:00 p.m.; and the traditional Candlelighting Service at 11:00 p.m.

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On Sunday, Christmas Day, the Worship Service will be at 10:30 a.m.

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Start out the New Year with Adults Night Out on Saturday, January 7th, at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church for a night of folk singing at their "Coffee House."

All who are interested are asked to please call the church.

# Christmas Services



## Christmas Eve

11:00 a.m. Special Eucharist for Elderly & Infirm  
(call 786-6133 for transportation)

5:00 p.m. Family Eucharist with Children's Choir  
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11:00 p.m. Candlelight Eucharist with Sr. Choir

## Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Brief Family Eucharist

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## Church News - continued...

News And Notes From  
F.H. Congregational

Rev. Donaldson's sermon this week will be "The Best That We Can Be."

Please join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. Children are invited to attend church with their parents, leaving at the appropriate time for Sunday School. Nursery care is provided.

\*\*\*

We will take a special collection for the 1994 Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross. This helps provide support to retired clergy and widowed clergy spouses.

Emergency grants are also given to clergy and their families. (Most emergency grant recipients are not retired.)

The United Church of Christ's response to the needs that arise will be determined by our level of giving. This special collection will continue throughout the Christmas season.

Dress warmly and bring your voice and a flashlight to the church on December 18th at 7:00 p.m. for carol singing by the creche in the front of the church. Music and refreshments will be provided.

\*\*\*

The deadline for this month's newsletter is Tuesday, December 20th. The editor really appreciates all the articles which have been submitted early!

\*\*\*

There will be two worship services at the church on Christmas Eve. A family service will be held at 6:30 p.m. followed by a more traditional one at 11:00 p.m. On Christmas morning, we will gather for some carols and Christmas stories at the usual 10:00 a.m. worship time.

\*\*\*

The Youth Group has announced that it will provide babysitting at the church on December 18th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 per child. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the board in Griswold Hall for you to fill in if you are planning to use this service. This is a great way to raise funds for the Youth Group as well as provide parents with some free time during this busy season.

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On the calendar this week:

**December 18th:** Veterans of the Cross Collection; 1:00-4:00 p.m., Youth Group Babysitting; 2:00 p.m., Cub Scout Christmas Party; 7:00 p.m., Carol Sing.

**December 20th:** 12:00 p.m., Clergy Luncheon; Informer Deadline.

**December 21st:** 2:45 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Music Committee; 7:00 p.m., Choir; 8:00 p.m., A.A.

**December 22nd:** 6:00 p.m., Girl Scouts.

**December 23rd:** Sandcastle Daycare Christmas Party.

**December 24th:** 6:30 p.m., Family Christmas Eve Service; 11:00 p.m., Traditional Christmas Eve Service.

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## Speaking From The Bible...

## "Christ Our Peace"

by David Lanquist, Pastor  
Faith Bible Church  
370 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam

The night Christ was born, the angels announced "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased." (Luke 2:14). The message of the angels seems so remote to us in 1994 with war in so many places. We say, "It hasn't happened!"

Normally, we think of peace in terms of an absence of external conflict. If we can only get into a situation where there are no hassles, where nobody is on our back, then (we think) we will have peace. It is not so. It is not really outside conflict, but conflict in the human heart that robs us of our peace.

What the angels were announcing that night is both a statement and a tremendous promise. They made a statement: "And on earth peace..." Why? Because Jesus Christ is born. Peace had come, because Jesus had come. Peace was possible for "everyone who received Him!"

Ephesians tells us: "He is our peace" (Eph. 2:14). In this season, that is an important message to receive. We live in a world that is full of conflict. Yet no matter what the circumstances of our life

BIBLE TALK - See Page 27...



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**Church News - continued...****From The Pastor...****The Prince Of Peace**

by Reverend Robert Donaldson  
Pastor, Feeding Hills Congregational Church

In the last couple of years, we have seen empires crumble, religious and ethnic conflicts become rampant around the world, and the completely unforeseen reawakenings of fascism in Spain, neo-Nazis in Germany, and civil war in the provinces of what was once Yugoslavia.

At the same time, we have witnessed a resurgence of hate crimes in even our small towns. Those who lust for power play nationality against nationality and religion against religion. Street violence or its government-sanctioned cousin, war, seem like a solution to those who do not see that death begets only more death.

Whole sections of American cities have the feel of war zones, and we cross neighborhood lines at least as warily as anyone ever passed through Checkpoint Charlie. It is said that the devil's hatred comes in many disguises, yet its effect is always the same. When we see a stranger, we see not a brother or sister or neighbor, but a foreigner, an "illegal" person, an enemy.

Today, the world seems to be teetering on the brink of a decision which will have consequences for everyone. Depending on whom we believe, we are entering either an age of widening prosperity and freedom, or we may be ushering in a new wave of limited vision, cold-hearted ignorance, and widening divisions. Where does God lead us?

This Christmas, let us pray for a world and this New Year, let us resolve to work for a world in which our Savior would be welcomed to a room at the inn, despite the poverty of his parents, rather than be shunted off to be born in a barn and raised in an orphanage.

Let us work and pray for a time in which the lamb and the lion, the weak and the powerful, may recognize that God's love is available to all. Let us pray and work for a time in which people both near and far choose to follow the one who came to us, saying, "Let one who is without sin cast the first stone." Let us follow, not only with words, but with each of our actions as well, the Prince of Peace.

**Agawam Congregational Helping Homeless**

**THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE** of the Agawam Congregational Church is busy making personal care kits to be given to the homeless during the holidays through the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. Each year since 1986, the church constructs 40 personal care kits consisting of toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, deodorant, hats, socks, candy, shaving supplies, and gloves. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

**BIBLE TALK - from Page 26...**

may be this Christmas, we can have peace because of Christ.

Listen to the words of Paul in the book of Colossians. "For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell. And by Him to reconcile all things to Himself ... having made peace

through the blood of His cross. And you, who were once alienated ... now has He reconciled." (Col. 1:19-21).

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### New Businesses Hold Grand Openings



**SANTA CLAUS** was listening to the requests of the young children at the grand opening of Kinney's One Hour Photo on Saturday, December 3rd. Sitting on Santa's lap is Anthony Lucci, 2. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

For copies of his photos in this edition, call AAN photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053. He has the negatives & will be glad to help.



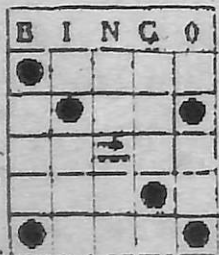
**TORINESE ITALIAN BAKERY** held its official grand opening in the Community Shops in Feeding Hills Center on Saturday, December 3rd. From left - Aurelia Andreoli, Michael Hebert (owner), George Lucas (franchiser), Dana Murgita (owner), Elizabeth Murgita, and Scott Hebert. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**KINNEY'S ONE HOUR PHOTOS** has opened its second location in the Community Shops in Feeding Hills Center and held its grand opening on December 3rd. From left - Derek Kinney, Marnie Kinney, Aurelia Andreoli, Ruth Chandler, Ann Kinney, and Richard Kinney. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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There are several types of ARMs available depending on the lender you choose. For example, a 5/1 ARM program means that for the first five years, the interest rate will remain the same. After the fifth year, the rate can increase up to one percent each year to a cap of usually not more than six percent over the life of the loan.

Shop around for a mortgage that meets your needs. Not all lenders offer the same interest rates and mortgage programs. A professional, experienced real estate agent can assist in finding a mortgage loan that is right for you.

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## Financial Self-Defense

Coming to the end of 1994 (already!) is making some people think about how quick life is going by ... and it's making most of us realize how important it is to have some type of financial game plan put in place.

More than ever, many feel the slow economy ... they understand the costs of medical benefits are rising ... and many of their friends are looking for work.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF FINANCIAL PLANNING

Everyone needs to take stock of his/her assets ... such planning allows you to stay in control of your life. It has become more important than ever to set specific goals, understand timing, and work your priorities.

Those people without priorities may not be able to have the house of their dreams, an education for their children, or a comfortable retirement. This new environment in which we live has generated a number of realities that people must consider...

- You or your spouse may be out of work for six months ... or more. Your emergency fund is now more important than ever.

- One spouse's income may no longer be just for luxuries ... it may be needed for basics that the whole family can count on.

- Your timetable for certain goals may have to be changed ... you may have to delay certain purchases.

## MAKE A GAME PLAN

There are several steps on the road to financial independence...

- Get organized ... organize your assets and liabilities, thoroughly.

- Set goals ... you'll need one set of goals for the near future (the next year or two) ... and another for the long run. BE SPECIFIC!

- Form a strategy to meet your goals ... This is where you allocate your assets and plan your investments. Look at the trade offs that may be necessary to meet your goals. If you cannot meet all of them when you thought you could, reset your priorities.

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## New Neighbors....



MICHAEL HEBERT (left) and DANA MURGITA (right) are the new owners of Torinese Italian Bakery in Feeding Hills Center. They are welcomed to the neighborhood by Maria Santos, owner of Maria's Bridal, located next door in the Community Shops. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Financial Planning

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## Cutting Your Tax Bill

Now is the time, before you get completely caught up in holiday activities, to look at ways to cut your taxes before year's end. You still have a few weeks to put into place some tax-saving strategies which might make a difference in what you end up owing the IRS.

**Organize your records** — Make sure, first of all, that you're keeping all the records needed for making claims. You should keep, of course, all receipts, canceled checks, and credit card slips which document deductible items or business expenses, but you also should save mortgage records, tax returns, and stock and bond records. It's a good idea to note as soon as possible on the back of receipts the type of expense and business purpose so you don't lose write-offs simply because you can't remember what you spent where.

**Evaluate your investment portfolio** — Now, while you still have time to plan your transactions before the end of the year, is a good time to evaluate your investments. Remember that the gap between the top tax rate on interest and dividends (39.6 percent for incomes of \$250,000 or more) and the maximum capital gains rate (now 28 percent) was widened by the 1993 tax law. The result is that investing for capital gains, rather than for income, is much more attractive.

**Shift income and deductions** — Look at the possibility of postponing income until the following year, pushing it forward into the current year, or bunching deductions so your miscellaneous expenses exceed two percent of adjusted gross income in alternating years. Consider buying a six-month Treasury bill if you anticipate being in a lower tax bracket in 1995, for example; the interest won't be taxed until you pay 1995 taxes in 1996, plus you don't have to pay state or local taxes on it. Determine if you can lower your taxes by carefully timing business and investment expenses or health care costs. Renew newsletters and plan elective surgical procedures, for example, for maximum tax impact.

**Make your gifts doubly effective** — If you donate appreciated property (such as stock) rather than cash to a charity, you get the same deduction as you would for giving cash but you avoid paying the capital gains tax. This works best if you have held the stock for at least a year.

**Claim the profits your seller paid** — If you bought a home after January 1, 1990, and the seller paid your points, you can file an amended return for a federal income tax refund ... as long as you haven't already claimed the deduction. The IRS figures that, by having the sellers pay your points, your basis is reduced by that amount. If you bought a \$100,000 house and the seller paid \$2,000 in points for you, for example, then you're left with a house that's worth only \$98,000.

**Consider leasing a car** — Paying cash is still the cheapest way to buy a car, and financing beats leasing if you can get low interest rates. But, if you drive for business and need a car, leasing may be a smarter tax move than buying. That's because car buyers can't write off the portion of their auto-loan interest that covers their personal driving, and depreciation is limited if you buy a car priced over \$14,300; it takes 15 years to fully depreciate a \$30,000 vehicle. If a leased car is used only for business, you can write off the full cost of the lease. On the other hand, though, you must report any personal use part of the lease payments as income.

**Handling real estate** — According to the 1993 tax law, if you spend at least 750 hours a year managing or selling real estate and this is your primary occupation, you might be able to deduct passive losses from investment real estate such as apartment buildings against your other taxable income. Of particular interest to retirees, the write-offs reduce not only taxable income but also the amount of Social Security benefits subject to tax. You also might want to consider spending some vacation time in your second home, rather than in a hotel, as long as your personal use doesn't go over 14 days or 10 percent of the total days that you rent it out. Remember, too, that time spent on repairing and maintaining a vacation home doesn't count toward personal or rental use.

Before taking action on these or other valid but sometimes overlooked tax deductions, remember that many of them have complicated stipulations or obscure implications. In addition, there may be other deductions not listed here that you might be able to use. For these reasons, it would be advisable for you to meet with your tax planner or financial advisor. These experts can help you determine which tax-saving strategies will be appropriate for your situation.

To receive further information or if you would like to arrange a free 30-minute consultation, please contact me at my office, 534-3883.

SEE RAYMOND ROSE - Page 29...

**Consider problems as well as opportunities ...** What if you lose your job, do you have funds available? ... What if a family member faces long-term illness, do you have adequate insurance coverage? ... What if you or your spouse dies, do you have an up-to-date will, and have you arranged for guardians for the kids?

### EXPEDITE YOUR PLAN

After you have laid out your plan, put it into action. Shop around for the best mutual funds, the best CD's, the best insurance deals, etc., By knowing **EXACTLY** where you stand and what your financial goals are, you will be better able to withstand the economic uncertainties to come over the years ahead.

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# For Your Health

## Agawam Lions Come Thru For Red Cross



ENJOYING THEIR PANCAKE breakfast provided by the Agawam Lions Club for giving blood to the American Red Cross are Gary Matherson (left) and Ralph Lamx. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Handling Stress Is Especially Important During The Holidays

It's Saturday. You're 10th in line at the cash register, clutching two of the many toys on your many lists: the last Power Ranger on the shelf that a shopper nearly tried to wrestle from your clutches, and the newest Barbie doll of the season. And you haven't even started your baking yet.

Now on top of everything else, when you get home, you know your husband is going to pressure you into spending the holidays with his side of the family.

Stress ... holiday style.

As wonderful as the holidays can be, they can also be a stressful time for many. Added to the demands of an already hectic schedule (and especially for a family which is experiencing some internal conflict), even the simplest of situations can become overwhelming at this time of the year, said Dr. Benjamin Liptzin, chief, Department of Psychiatry at Baystate Medical Center.

First your husband.

According to Liptzin, one way of keeping the peace is to divide your time.

"One option might be to have holiday dinner with one family, then to share dessert with the other," he suggested. "Then next year you can switch courses."

Liptzin said open discussions ahead of time can determine the best solution and avoid a tense situation.

"Decide where you enjoy visiting and where you feel the most relaxed," he said.

Risa Gaull, wellness coordinator at Baystate Medical Center, added that when faced with stressful situations or thoughts at any time of the year (such as the aggravation of long checkout lines), deep breathing will help you to focus and compose yourself.

Gaull suggested several preventive strategies such as eating right, reducing your caffeine intake, participating in regular physical activity, and getting enough sleep to help you to better handle those extra stresses that may occur, especially during the holidays.

Liptzin added that persons tend to believe that they must go somewhere on the holiday.

"There's no reason why they can't stay home and create their own holiday celebration alone or with other relatives," he said.

*Best local news...*



AGAWAM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS, from left - Dick Bassett, Ed Disco, Jack Conroy, Ed Judkins, Matt Blackak, and Dennis Buell were the kitchen support for the American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Senior Center on December 4th. The Lions cooked a pancake breakfast for all those who donated blood. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RED CROSS NURSE Helen Brown is about to take blood from Agawam senior citizen Audrey Bonacker with the assistance of Jessie Oswald. The event was sponsored by the Agawam Lions Club at the Senior Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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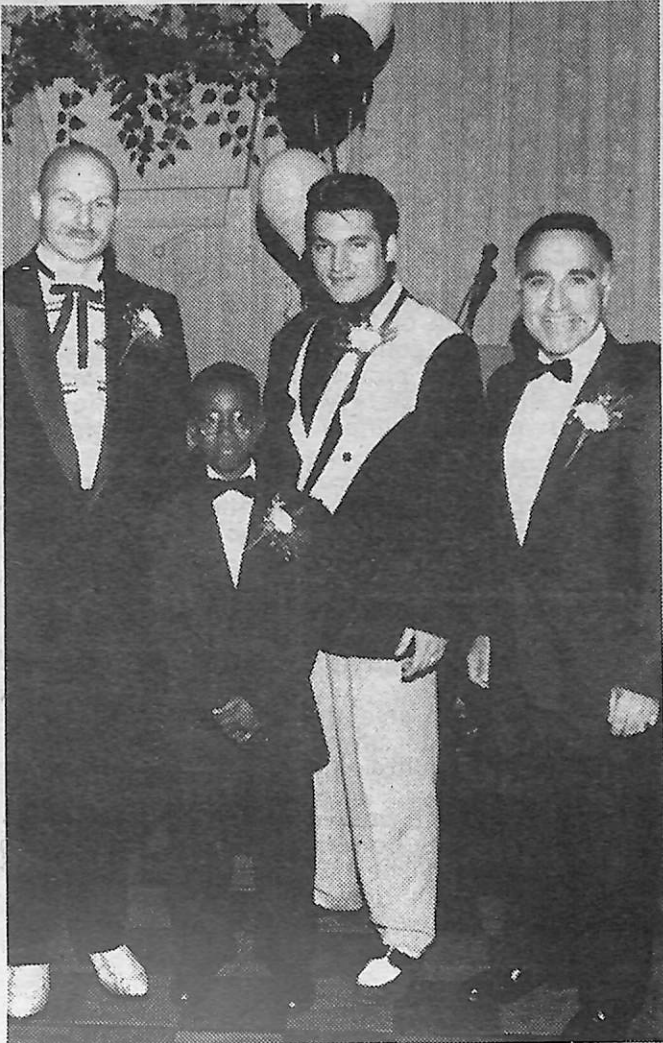
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*For Your Health - continued...*

## Fourth Annual Christmas Seal Ball Held At The Oaks



**FAMOUS ELVIS IMPERSONATOR** Ray Guillemette, Jr., attended the Fourth Annual Christmas Seal Ball on December 3rd at The Oaks. From left - Paul Fuller, ball chairman; Wesley Morgin, Christmas Seal ambassador 1994; "Elvis"; and Mario Sakellis, American Lung Association executive director. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**ENJOYING THE GALA** Christmas Seal Ball at the Oaks on Suffield Street, Agawam, on Saturday, December 3rd, included, from left - Dan & Nancy Molta, Jim & Mikie Cook, and Chris & Joe Dupelle. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**LOCAL RESIDENTS** who attended the Fourth Annual Christmas Seal Ball to benefit the American Lung Association included, from left - Rene & Irene Thomas, Ken & Annette Gauthier, and Marie & Donald Senecal. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Your Back And Your Health

by Drs. Katherine and Joseph Schlaffer  
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Recently, area residents awoke to four inches of wet, heavy snow. A neighbor/patient of mine asked for helpful hints regarding snow shoveling. He advised me that last winter his back was very sore when he shoveled, and he eventually got leg pain. He was not looking forward to another winter season for fear of this pain again.

Be very careful. Shoveling snow is one of the most physically stressful activities to your lumbar spine or low back. It is certainly one activity that will further injure an already weak low back.

The elderly are advised to give up shoveling altogether. Find a neighborhood kid who is ambitious to help you. Have your driveway plowed by a professional. If that is not possible and you insist on shoveling your own driveway, then condition your back for several months ahead of the snow season.

Have a chiropractic examination. Perhaps your spine may benefit from chiropractic treatment. During the shoveling season, have regular chiropractic care to insure integrity of the back.

The same snow which causes heart stress, also causes dangerous stress to the discs in the spine of the shoveler. When you consider that a shovel of snow weighs from five to seven pounds, you realize the tremendous accumulative weight one has to lift to clear even a small area. The average driveway or walk will hold hundreds of pounds of snow.

Try these helpful hints:

1. Dress warmly, but don't bundle up so as to make it difficult and awkward for you to move naturally.
2. Use a lightweight pusher-type shovel. Spray it with Teflon so snow will not cling to it.
3. Avoid sudden twists of the torso. Move the entire body.
4. Keep your back straight when you lift. Use your legs rather than your back.
5. Work slowly.
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## For Your Health - continued...



## Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell  
Registered Dietician

### The New Cheesecake

Recently, cheesecake surpassed all other sinful sweets and fat-laddened favorites to become America's number one choice for dessert.

However, when you eat an average slice of cheesecake, you swallow 17 grams of fat and 300 calories. The main ingredient in cheesecake, cream cheese, is made from the fat off the milk. It's not rich in calcium or protein like milk and actually resembles butter more than it resembles milk.

Lucky for us, you can get the taste of cheesecake with less fat and calories and sometimes more calcium. Here are some recipes to try this holiday season. (But remember, just being lower in fat doesn't give you the ticket to eat the second, third, and fourth piece.)

#### YOGURT CHEESECAKE (Best to let sit one day before serving)

32-ounce carton vanilla-flavored  
lowfat yogurt  
2 tbsp. sugar (or more to taste)  
1 tbsp. cornstarch  
1 tbsp. lemon juice (optional)  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 eggs, lightly beaten

Day before: Drain yogurt in a mesh strainer for two to 48 hours to make yogurt cheese.

Preheat oven to 325°F. Lightly grease eight-inch pie pan or seven-inch springform. A graham cracker crust can be used for taste.

Place yogurt cheese in medium bowl. Add sugar, cornstarch, lemon juice, and vanilla. Mix gently with fork.

Blend well. Stir in eggs. Pour into pan and smooth top with spatula. Bake until center is set; 40-45 minutes for pie pan, 60-65 minutes for springform. Cool slightly. Refrigerate.  
(99 calories, three grams of fat.)

#### OREO CHEESECAKE MINIATURES

1½ cups nonfat cottage cheese  
1 cup EGG BEATERS Real Egg Product  
½ cup sugar  
¾ cup nonfat cream cheese  
1 tbsp. vanilla extract  
16 reduced fat OREO Chocolate  
Sandwich Cookies, chopped  
1 cup cherry pie filling

Line muffin pan with foil liners. Set aside. In blender, blend cottage cheese and ½ cup egg product until smooth.

In mixer, combine cottage cheese mixture, rest of egg product, sugar, cream cheese, and vanilla. Beat low for two minutes. Stir in cookie pieces gently.

Pour into muffin pan. Bake at 325°F, 18-20 minutes or until set.

Cool. Chill two hours. Top with 1 tablespoon filling.

(140 calories, four grams fat.)

#### LIGHT AND EASY CHEESECAKE

##### Crust

2/3 cup graham cracker crumbs  
1½ tbsp. slightly softened butter  
or margarine  
1 tbsp. sugar  
1/8 tsp. freshly grated lemon peel (yellow  
part only)

##### Filling

2 cups part-skim ricotta cheese  
(or use regular if unavailable)  
1 cup plain lowfat yogurt (drained of  
any yogurt)  
1 cup sugar  
2½ tbsp. enriched all-purpose or  
unbleached white flour  
1 pkg. (8 oz.) lowfat cream cheese,  
at room temp.  
2 large eggs plus 2 large egg whites  
2½ tsp. vanilla extract

To prepare crust: Combine all ingredients. Mix with fork until well blended and crumbly. Turn mixture into 8½" or nine-inch springform pan.

Spread evenly, extending to edges. Press firmly. Bake at 350°F for 15 minutes. Set aside. In blender, combine ricotta, yogurt, lemon peel & juice, sugar, and flour.

Blend on medium-high speed until liquified and smooth. Set aside. Place cream cheese in medium bowl. Beat until smooth. Beat in whole eggs, egg whites, and vanilla.

Gradually add ricotta mixture until smooth. Pour batter over crust. Preheat and bake at 350° for 15 minutes. Lower temperature to 325°. Bake 1 hour and 15-20 minutes longer or until center is slightly puffed and seems set.

Remove to rack and let cool. Refrigerate overnight.

## Breast Cancer Support Being Intensified At Baystate Medical Ctr.

There's a new umbrella at Baystate Medical Center and from underneath it shines a ray of hope for breast disease and breast cancer patients.

The Comprehensive Breast Program, according to its director, Dr. Grace Makari-Judson, is a unique, collaborative approach to the diagnosis, treatment, and counseling of persons who have benign breast disease and cancer.

"The strength of the program lies in the fact that it brings together the expertise of doctors and health care professionals from 11 departments within Baystate Medical Center, to form a unique interdisciplinary team," said Makari-Judson.

The consulting staff consists of team members from Surgery, Oncology, Radiation, Gynecology, Genetics, Radiology, Pathology, Physical Therapy, Nutrition, Psychiatry, and Social Services.

Components of the program include Diagnostics, Multidisciplinary Consultation, High Risk Screening, Support Services, and Education and Outreach.

Makari-Judson said the program serves as a resource center for physicians and patients who may choose to utilize all or a portion of the many services offered.

"For example, a woman who discovers a lump in her breast may be referred to the program by her own doctor, or she may choose to schedule an appointment with one of the program's staff members on her own," she said.

Makari-Judson noted an important aspect of the program is that women will have a place to turn to for help during a tough time.

"Our program is the only one of its kind available in Western Massachusetts. Women will receive state of the art care close to home," she said.

Makari-Judson, who has been medical director of the Comprehensive Breast Program since September and who has been with Baystate's Division of Hematology/Oncology since 1988, said the program will continue to expand in the coming months to further provide the best care possible and to meet all the needs of breast cancer patients.

The program is temporarily based in the Medical Office building.

For more information, or to book an appointment, call 784-8010.

## Creating High Self-Esteem For Kids Being Offered

"CREATING HIGH SELF-ESTEEM and EMPOWERMENT" for children ages nine through 13 will be a presentation offered by Dr. Steve Sobel, former school principal and special education director and founder of The New England Institute For Stress Management of West Springfield.

The program will take place on Saturday,

January 7th from 10:00 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. at Dr. Sobel's office and conference center, located at 425 Union Street in West Springfield.

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## For Your Health - continued...

## Holiday Safety Tips For Parents &amp; Kids

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC) has prepared a comprehensive set of holiday season tips for parents to help families have a safe and happy holiday. These tips are part of a series of MSPCC GoodStart Parent Tips which include advice on managing some of the stressful parts of parenthood.

"Our holiday tips represent another one of the many ways we can reach out to families and offer information and practical advice about parenting," said MSPCC Executive Director Joyce Strom. "The holiday season is a time of great stress for many, and we thought that some helpful hints could help parents manage their stress and enjoy what should be a fun time of year with their children."

The tips include such advice as: try to shop with another adult; take turns watching the kids while the other shops; plan shopping trips with your children when they are rested and fed; point out police or security guards in shops to older children so they know who to ask for help if they get lost, etc.

Marcia Hertz, Director of Marketing and Public Relations, said the media is an important partner in getting such useful information to the public. Hertz explained, "Not only will we circulate this information throughout our offices across the state, but we're hopeful that the media will make a significant difference by publicizing this important information."

MSPCC offers a comprehensive set of health, counseling, and family support services for infants, toddlers, and their families. An example of one of their programs is the GoodStart initiative. GoodStart begins with new parents at the time of their baby's birth and continues working with at-risk families with young children. GoodStart services include parenting education, home visiting, child development instruction, parent support groups, nutrition counseling, etc.

Other GoodStart parent tips include: grocery shopping with kids can be fun; eating out with kids can be fun;

MSPCC is a private, non-profit child welfare agency which has served as a leading advocate for children and families for over 117 years. MSPCC services are offered through a statewide network of regional offices.

For further information about MSPCC, call (617) 227-2280.

## GOODSTART TIPS FOR PARENTS

Here are a few ideas to keep you and your children safe and happy during the holidays.

## Shopping For The Holidays

We all know how stressful shopping with a child can be. Here are a few ideas to try next time you shop:

- Try to shop with another adult. Take turns watching the kids while the other shops.
- Visit the crowded malls in off hours to avoid crowds, long lines, and noise.
- Point out police or security guards in shops to older children so they know who to ask for help if they get lost.
- Plan shopping trips with your children only when they are rested and fed.

## Travel During Holidays

Many people travel long distances to visit family and friends during holidays. Here are some tips to make the trip easier:

- Before your trip, talk with your child about where you are going, how you'll get there, and what you expect from them.
- Keep a bag handy that includes drinks, a few cherished toys, a book, bottle or spill-proof cup, favorite blanket or stuffed animal, diapers, wipes, small cover for diaper changes.
- If you go by car, try to travel at night or early morning when children may sleep.
- Travelling by air? Let your child choose her/his own toys to fit in one small backpack. How about taking along a sandwich bag filled with markers or crayons, paper, or a coloring book.

## Safety Tips For The Holidays:

If you have a Christmas tree:

- Never leave a toddler near a tree unattended.
- Help your children decorate lower tree branches with their small toys. By feeling the tree is also "theirs," they won't want to pull them down!
- When choosing toys, check manufacturers' warnings for age and use guidelines.
- Choose toys which challenge your child, fit your budget, are safe, and designed to stand up to a child's joyful, enthusiastic use.
- Teach older children to keep small toy parts away from curious younger siblings.
- And don't forget, some of the best toys are right in your own house: rolling pins, boxes, wooden spoons, pots and pans (or plastic containers, to cut down on noise!).
- Probably the best gift you can give your child is time. Time to read a book together, do a puzzle, paint a picture, make up a story.

With a bit of planning, and reminders to slow down, the holidays can be a stress-free, joyous time to share with your children.

Happy holidays from MSPCC!

Feeling Down???  
You May Not Be  
Alone This Season

If you're feeling "a little down" this holiday season, don't be alarmed, you may not be alone.

"Many persons simply cannot live up to the often unreal expectations of the perfect holiday as portrayed in movies, television, and magazines," said Dr. Kenneth Jaffe, chief of Baystate Medical Center's Outpatient Psychiatric Service.

"We are supposed to feel happy and close to our family during the holidays, but that just isn't the case for everyone," he said.

Jaffe noted that there is no clinical basis to the term "holiday depression" that persons often read or hear about at this time of year.

"Holiday depression is not an illness," said Jaffe, "but persons may experience a sullen feeling around the holidays for a number of reasons."

Jaffe noted that the recent loss of a loved one, the inability to afford expensive presents, and family stresses may contribute to a "blue Christmas."

The Baystate psychiatrist said that you can have a bad day and feel down once in a while, but it doesn't necessarily mean that you're under the spell of depression.

He said that persons should consider seeking professional help if they are experiencing several of the following symptoms of clinical depression:

- \* trouble sleeping
- \* appetite loss
- \* loss of concentration
- \* crying spells
- \* suicidal feelings
- \* fatigue
- \* loss of interest in routine activities

"If you are experiencing several of these symptoms for more than a week and you find that they are beginning to interfere with your job and everyday life, then you should have a professional evaluation," Jaffe said.

There is reason for hope, however.

"Depression is common and treatable. About 80 percent of depression cases are helped with non-addictive antidepressants," Jaffe said.

For more information on depression, or for a referral to a physician, call The Professionals at 784-2255 or 1-800-377-HEALTH.

"Better Breathers"  
To Meet At Mercy  
Hospital December 21st

On Wednesday, December 21st, the "Better Breather Support Group" for people with C.O.P.D. (asthma, chronic bronchitis, or emphysema) will meet at Mercy Hospital, Medical Staff Room, Joseph Deliso Conference Center, 271 Carew Street, Springfield, from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

The group will be holding its annual holiday party. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite dish.

These meetings are free of charge and open to anyone who is affected by lung disease, including their families and friends.

For more information, call the American Lung Association, 737-3506, or Mercy Hospital Respiratory Department, 748-9610.

American Red Cross Offers Winter Schedule  
For Mass. Child Care Training Program

The American Red Cross has announced its winter schedule for the Massachusetts Child Care training program.

Designed for parents, day care workers, and nursery school teachers, the course meets all Massachusetts Office for Children training requirements first aid and CPR.

It includes training and certification in the American National Red Cross Infant and Child

CPR course. The classes are held at the Red Cross facility at 235 Chestnut Street in Springfield.

The \$55 per participant enrollment fee includes textbooks, a bandage kit, and a pocket mask for each participant.

Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. For further information, contact the American Red Cross Health Service Office at 737-4306.

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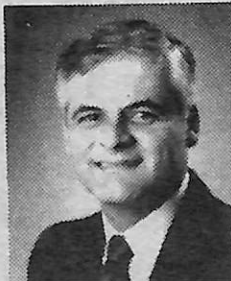
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## Arts

### Agawam Poetry... Prelude To Christmas (No. 2)

by Agnes R. Neylon Smith

As I repose in the quietude of my neon-lit room,  
I reflect on "The Glorious Day," that's coming very soon;

And the wonder of "The Savior's Miraculous Birth,"  
The Christmas Bells will be pealing, all over the Earth;

When I think of the dear little donkey, and his gentle care,  
Carrying Mary, very carefully, wishing they were there;  
Sometimes, when he heard Mary and Joseph pray,  
He joined in with them, with his soft and gentle bray;

He knew the "Baby Jesus," soon would be here,  
He tried to help Mary to tranquil her fear;  
He was so excited, he could hardly wait for the day,  
I love "The Baby Jesus," was all he could say;

As shy as he was, he felt great pride,  
To think he was chosen for Mary's special ride;

I, too, like the little donkey, can't wait for the day,  
When "The Son of God" comes to lead mankind along life's way;

If you were there, you would hear the little donkey say,  
I love "The Baby Jesus," in his loving, kindly bray;  
We won't have to wait long, for Christmas is nigh,  
We'll wait for a very special star, to light up the sky;

This celestial, luminous star will gleam in all its glory,  
Illuminating the Earth to the wondrous Christmas Story;  
Hosannah on high, the angels will be singing,  
All the bells around the World, will joyously be ringing;

We'll all wait in wonderment, for Christmas to come,  
We'll be generously sharing, with each and everyone;  
And at the new dawning of this most very special day,  
We'll all go to the stable, for "Christ was born this day."

The Board of Appeals has approved a variance for Springfield to build a sewage treatment plant on Bondi's Island contingent on a contract agreement.

The contract for use of the sewage treatment plant has been held up for more than three months while the two communities haggled over what sewage treatment privileges Agawam would receive.

The land is zoned industrial, which allows sewage treatment plants by a special permit from the Appeals Board.

Appeals Board members Theodore A. Progukske, John P. Shaughnessy, and John J. Julian, Sr., stated in its decision that the contract should be executed prior to construction of the sewage treatment plant because "this facility will be located solely within the boundaries of Agawam."

#### DECEMBER 19th - COUNCIL KNOCKS OUT SHOPPING CENTER, BRANCH PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Town Council this week defeated a zone change petition for a shopping center by a narrow margin and tabled a request for a \$485,000 Feeding Hills branch library. Council members argued whether the financial advantages of the proposal - an estimated additional \$120,000 in taxes from the \$3 million project - outweighed the objections of area residents and the issue of "spot zoning."

The shopping center was proposed for land on Suffield Street, directly across from the Southgate Shopping Center and 300 acres of commercially zoned land. It was argued that commercial developers should build where the land is zoned for business, not choose the land and then go after a zone change.

In other action, the council tabled the issue of funding a new branch library in Feeding Hills until the town manager submits a capital improvement budget, expected to be ready sometime in January.



ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano

## Violence Not Included!

With the holidays upon us, let's give the kids an extra present this Christmas—wholesome holiday classics!

Give their impressionable young minds a break from the modern-day maze of senseless entertainment and give them these beloved classics. It's not *Beavis and Butthead* ... that in itself is comforting!

Enjoy, kids, and happy holidays to all my readers.

#### \* *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*

Director: Larry Roemer. Not rated. 53 minutes. Voice of Burl Ives. Producer: Arthur Rankin, Jr.

Who could ever forget this timeless holiday classic? This tale begins just like the classic carol and presents the jingle visually with some fine examples of the art known as "claymation" (animation using clay).

Singer Burl Ives narrates and sings in the film as the kids watch the story of the famous reindeer unfold.

They'll meet Santa Claus, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen. They'll meet Mrs. Claus and the elves, as well as the dreaded Abominable Snowman.

I'm sure just the listing of those names causes you to reminisce about your childhood. Give that same cherished feeling to the kids.

The feeling of peace and joy is increasingly harder to find for most of us, so rent this masterpiece and watch it with the kids. After all, it was made in good taste ... and it's gone down in history! **4 STARS.** (All ages.)

#### \* *Frosty the Snowman*

Director: Arthur Rankin, Jr., and Jules Bass. Not rated. 30 minutes. Producer: Arthur Rankin, Jr., and Jules Bass. Voices: Jimmy Durante, Jackie Vernon, and Billy DeWolfe.

Another unforgettable classic based upon the popular Christmas carol. Watch Frosty the Snowman come to life, knowing that the kids are wholesomely entertained.

Unlike *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, *Frosty the Snowman* is standard animation, whereas *Rudolph* used "claymation." Nonetheless, it is equally enthralling.

Jimmy Durante narrates and sings, and Jackie Vernon performs the lively voice of Frosty. This is one film that the kids will be glued to. Watching a song they know come to life is a great event!

So turn on the tree, make some cocoa, and watch *Frosty the Snowman*—the kids will love it, you will love it! Now where have you seen that lately? **4 STARS.** (All ages.)

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## Looking Back...

Compiled and edited by  
David C. Gallano

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#### DECEMBER 18th - COUNCILOR HARRINGTON BACKS BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

An Agawam councilor said today residents here should take a hard look at the tax situation if they expect to live in a community with low taxes.

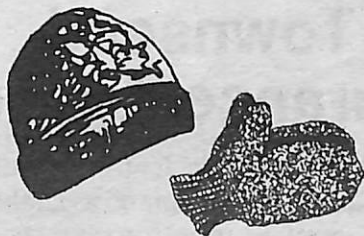
Council Vice President Cecilia Harrington, speaking in reference to a zone-change petition which was before the council Monday, said she feels the proposal for a shopping center at the corner of Suffield and Silver Streets would help alleviate the tax burden on homeowners here.

Harrington said she has received many telephone calls from residents concerned about zoning. "The citizens said they didn't want more homes because homes raise taxes by adding more children to schools. They don't want apartments or condominiums. They don't want business there, although all the corners at Suffield and Silver Streets are zoned for business. They don't want farm land destroyed, yet they don't want the farmers to raise animals when taxes are choking farmers to the point most are selling their land to developers," she summarized.

Now is the time for the town to decide its future direction, Harrington said. "We need lower taxes in this town, and business and industry is the answer," she indicated.

#### DECEMBER 19th - BOARD OK'S SEWAGE PLANT IF USE AGREEMENT REACHED

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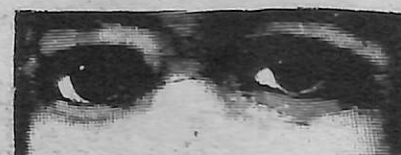
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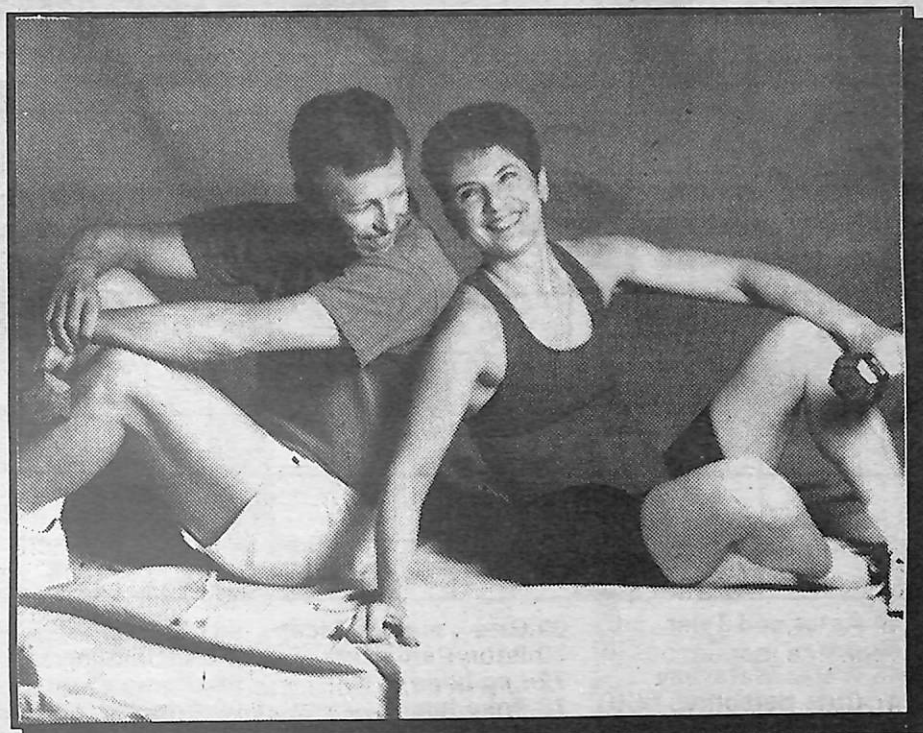
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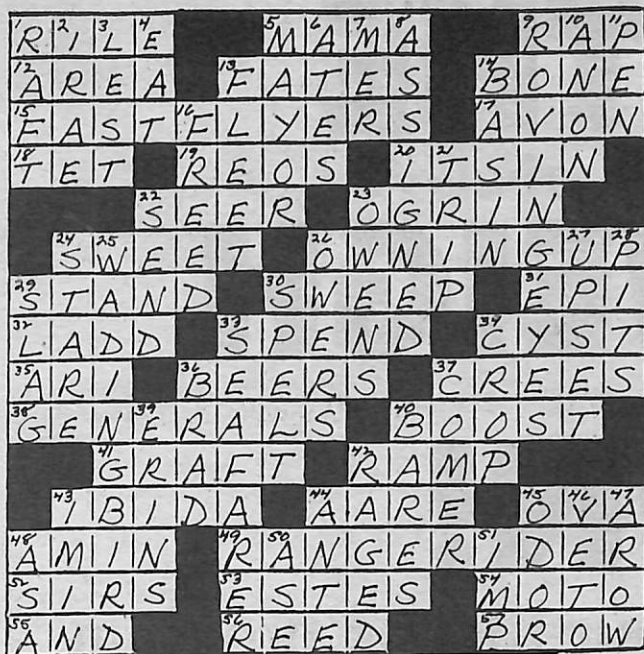


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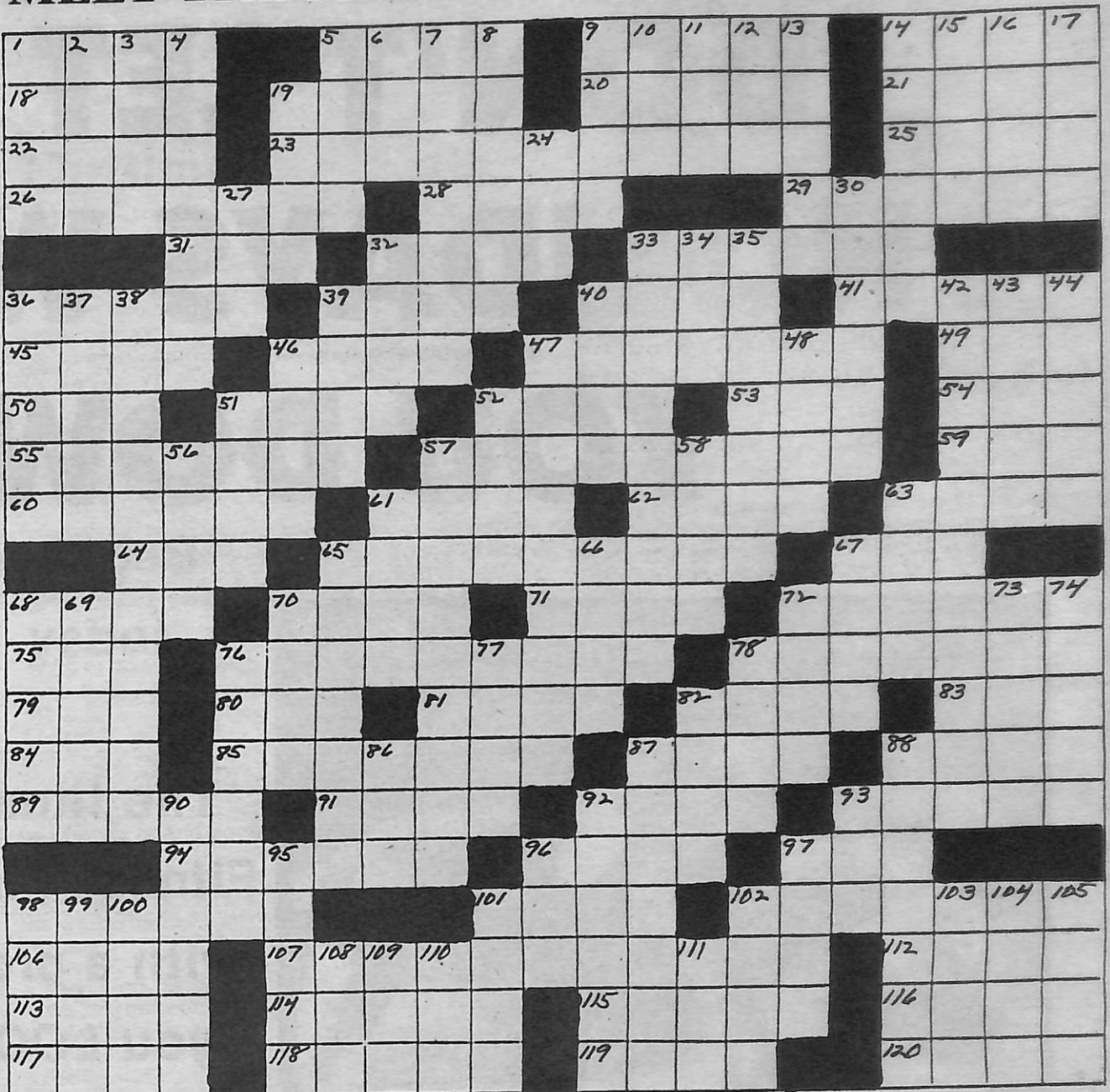


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## VIDEO PICKS - from Page 38...

\* *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*  
Director: Chuck Jones. 1966. Not rated. 26 minutes.  
Narrator: Boris Karloff.

One word ... Whoville. You all should've been reverted back to childhood for an instant, hearing that name. Dr. Seuss's character, the Grinch, sets out to ruin Christmas for the Whos in Whoville. He selectively steals trees, ornaments, wreaths, and even the "Roast Beast"! Until he meets "her."

"Her" is Cindy Lou Who, who asks the Grinch why he's stealing everything and, suddenly, his cold heart begins to heat up (ever so faintly).

It is a truly timeless classic that delivers a very important theme—one that our children should be exposed to.

This doesn't mean that adults like us can't learn a thing or two from this festive program. So make a night of it ... together! Once you watch, you'll see—he IS a mean one, that Mr. Grinch! **4 STARS.** (All ages.)

(WRITER'S POSTSCRIPT: I want to know what you think of "Pisano's Picks ... On Video." Send your comments, suggestions, and even your letters of damnation to me in care of *The Agawam Advertiser-News*, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

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The chorus will perform a selection of traditional and new Christmas songs.

Tickets are \$1. Donations to be made to various local charities. Tickets may be purchased from chorus members or reserved by calling Riverside Park, 786-9300, ext. 3400 (Judy or Patti).

## Springfield Symphony Chorus To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

The Springfield Symphony Chorus is celebrating its 50th anniversary season this year and is planning a reunion to be held in the spring of 1995.

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A festive program which will delight audiences of all ages along with surprise visitors. Donations of new and unwrapped toys will be collected at both concerts and delivered to area children's organizations in time for Christmas. These concerts are co-sponsored by Health New England and NYNEX.

Holiday classics like *Sleigh Ride* and *The Festive Sounds of Chanukah* will light up your evening. Selections from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite* and Handel's *Messiah* will continue to enhance your holiday spirit. The seasonal celebration will culminate in the traditional audience Christmas

carol sing-along accompanied by the Springfield Symphony Chorus.

Tickets for the festive holiday concerts are still available and range from \$6-\$32 for Saturday, December 17th and from \$6-\$30 for Sunday, December 18th. Children under 18 are eligible for half price tickets for the Sunday matinee performance.

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## Education

### Irish Lunch Highlights PTO Project At Robinson Park School

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Irish music played in the background while PTO moms dressed in the traditional Irish garb of Aran sweaters and plaid skirts circulated through the cafeteria as third graders and their parents dined on fish, potato puffs, and cabbage.

For the students, parents, and staff at Robinson Park School, November was a celebration of the multi-cultural heritage underlying the richness of American life.

On four Tuesdays, the cafeteria is transformed into a microcosm of life in a foreign land.

A banner proclaiming the day's ethnic origin combines with a map of the country; a flag hung from the rafters and walls were decorated to set the stage for a lunch featuring the foods associated with the country.

Decorated by art works created by the first grade classes of Susan Avondo and Gloriajean Sheiber, the school's main showcase in the lobby presented a window into this year's featured countries: Native American, Ireland, Hungary, and Holland.

A joint project of the school's Adelphi Committee and the PTO, International Lunch Day earned praise from Principal William Sapelli and parents attending the annual event with their children.

#### Serves Dual Purpose

According to Sapelli, the luncheon serves two purposes. "First, it gives the children an awareness of other cultures and, second, it's a fun day for parents to come to school and eat lunch with their children," Sapelli said. "The kids enjoy having their parents come to school."

Judging from the smiles and excited chatter of the diners, both parents and kids find the annual event something to look forward to.

Attending with her son, Nicholas, Cheryl Gregor said, "It was great. I think they did a good job with the menu, the flags, and the costumes."

Beth Gallagher took an early lunch break from work to have lunch with her daughter, Kaitlin. "The food was great and they were very well organized," Mrs. Gallagher said. "The kids are excited that their parents are coming to school."

Both women noted that while most of the children had a parent or family member present, those whose parents could not attend were taken under the wing of the parents at their table and included in the festive atmosphere.

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AT THE ROBINSON PARK IRISH LUNCHEON were members of the Ruscio family - Tony, Lori, and Gina. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

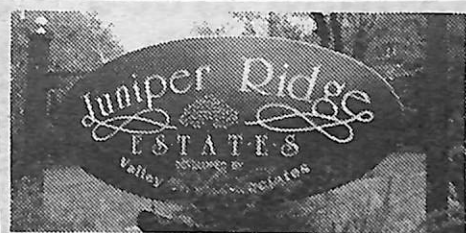


ROBINSON PARK STUDENT Ryan Lottermoser enjoy an Irish lunch with his parents, Robert & Tracy Lottermoser, at an International Lunch last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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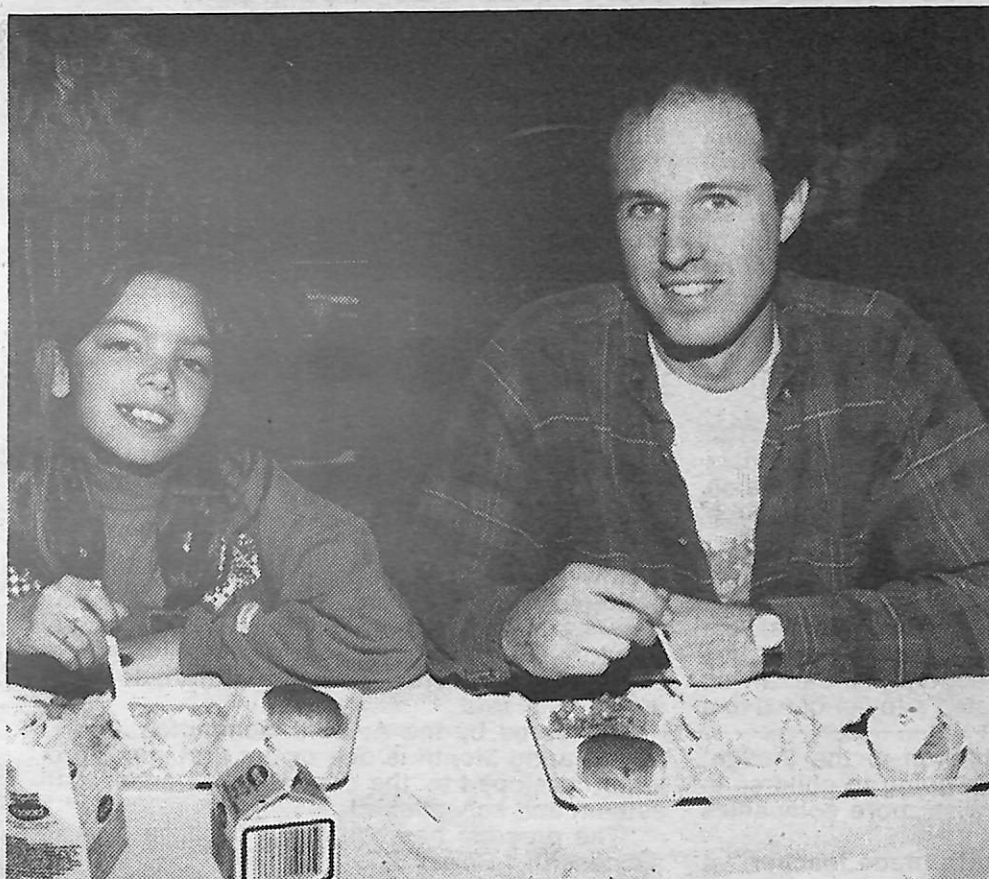
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**ENJOYING THE IRISH LUNCH** at Robinson Park School, from left - Julius Sweeney with his mother, Julia Devine and younger sister, Gabrielle Devine; and members of the Couture family - Joan, Elizabeth, and Les. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



**AT THE ROBINSON PARK LUNCHEON**, from left - Malena Rogers and Jeff Fortier; and Jennifer Sharpe and Rose Sharpe. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

#### IRISH LUNCH - from Page 42...

Frank Godek, director of food services for the Agawam Schools, also counted the program a great success.

Godek credited cooperation from Sapelli, the teachers, the cafeteria staff, and the PTO for the success of the luncheon. "It's not that difficult to go out and get the foods they want," Godek said.

Extra kitchen help is assigned to handle the work of preparing and serving lunch to the many parents able to attend, Godek said.

#### Parents Impressed With Staff

Godek said many of the parents report the food is much better than when they came through the lunch lines as students, and most are surprised the cafeteria staff can prepare and serve so many meals in such a short time.

While the international lunch is offered to all the students, each week one grade level gets to invite their parents to join them for lunch at school.

According to Sapelli, fourth grade teachers Andrew Bower and Patricia Burnett volunteer their time in preparing the maps and decorations for each luncheon. "They're the glue that keeps this together," Sapelli said.

Adelphi Committee member and PTO President Christine Demetron chaired the event and gathered a crew of volunteers to make a flag of each featured country as a souvenir for each child. Parents received a craft supplied by the PTO and assembled by the children as a memento of the day.

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## Ag. Middle School Guidance News

by Thomas F. Dacey  
Middle School Guidance Counselor

Since we are now reaching the midpoint of the second marking period at the Middle School, special reports indicating poor academic progress and other problems will be issued on or about December 16th. Parents of students who receive a special report are asked to please sign it and return it to the school as soon as possible.

The Middle School guidance office advises the parents of students who receive a special report to address any problems before report card time comes around. The school welcomes calls from parents regarding students' progress. The Middle School guidance counselor can be reached at 789-1400, ext. 453.

In the area of study skills, each sixth grade homeroom has recently watched a video on how to study with the counselor. This video offers new ideas on where and how to study and how to make effective use of textbooks.

The fifth grade students have recently seen a video on test-taking techniques and have completed a written exercise on the video with the counselor. This video discusses the different types of tests and presents new methods of preparing for tests.

Students who wish to see these video presentations again may do so by speaking with the guidance counselor. Students who would like to review any of the study skills programs may do so in the guidance office.

The study skills curriculum will be enhanced by an agenda program which will begin at the Middle School in the immediate future. All students in the Middle School will receive an agenda book which will include an assignment notebook to be used in all classes. The agenda book also includes a school handbook and has a variety of other sections such as a study guide, a reference section and a section on time management. The Middle School wishes to thank the Agawam Middle School P.T.O. for sponsoring this agenda program.

## Agawam High's PTSO To Sponsor Alumni Rock 'N Roll Revue

The Agawam High School PTSO will be sponsoring an Alumni Rock 'N Roll Revue to benefit the high school library. The show will be held on January 6, 1995.

Advance tickets will be \$5, and tickets at the door will be \$6. The performers in the show will be alumni from many different classes of Agawam High School.

For more information about the show, performers, or ticket sales, please contact Addie Hume at 747-8915 before December 20, 1994; or at 786-1839 after December 20, 1994.

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ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL STUDENTS, from left - Victoria Ruhl, Megan Mercadante, Kristina Heim, and Taryn Lappone stand under the "Giving And Sharing" exhibit at the school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Giving Tree & Tiny Tim Projects Benefit From Giving & Sharing Month At Robinson

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Just as the day after Thanksgiving marks the kick-off of the holiday shopping season for area malls and merchants, the first day back to school after Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the holiday season at Robinson Park School.

For the staff and the students, the month of December is set aside as Giving and Sharing Month with the focus shifted from "get" to "give."

All month long, the children are encouraged to bring in food items for the Open Pantry and clothing (any season, any size) for the American Red Cross.

In the classrooms, the children make Tiny Tim greeting cards for the children at the Shriners Hospital in Springfield, as well as handmade ornaments for the Giving Tree sponsored by Milton Bradley at Baystate West.

### 856 Ornaments Made Last Year

According to fourth grade teacher Andrew Bower, the children made 856 ornaments last year and he expects the total will go even higher this year. For each ornament decorating the Giving Tree, the toy company donates a toy or game to a needy child.

"What really hits the children is the thought that the games and toys are going to children in this area," Bower said. "I wish more companies did something like that."

Each year Bower and fourth grade teacher Pat Burnett create a display promoting the idea of celebrating the holiday through giving and sharing with others less fortunate. This year, the Giving and Sharing theme is emblazoned on the back wall of the cafeteria over a parade of teddy bears

-some play musical instruments and some put up strings of colored lights.

Under the artwork, "presents" wrapped in holiday paper are reminders of the giving tradition of the holiday season. The children know the boxes are filled with the collected food destined for the Open Pantry.

Mrs. Burnett boxes the food and wraps it all up to give the children a sense that they are giving gifts when they bring in food and clothing for the collection box, Bower said. "We want them to see it's happening—gifts for giving and sharing."

"Giving to somebody and sharing your good fortune—that's the message we're trying to get the children to understand and to carry over into their adult lives," Bower said. "We try to get the emphasis away from the 'I wants.'"

### Clothing Welcome

Bower said the clothing drive has already gathered one truckload of clothing for the American Red Cross. Any clothing in good condition for children or adults is welcomed. "Chrystal Rosinski volunteers each year to truck it down for us," Bower said.

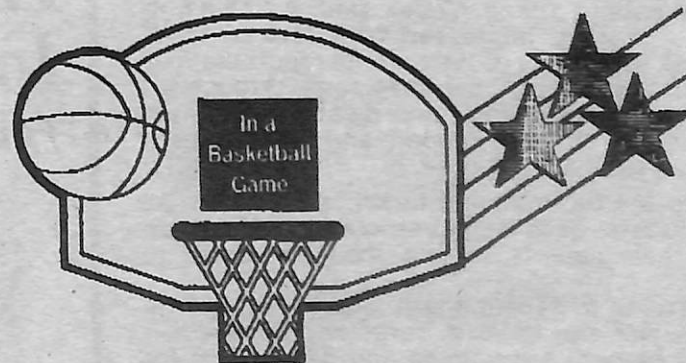
Sponsored by the Adelphi Committee, Giving and Sharing Month is one of the first major projects developed by the committee to boost self-esteem and school spirit.

"The program has continued because it is so successful," Bower said.

Some of the teachers use contests to stimulate the children's interest and to reward them for their efforts. "Harriet Aspden's first graders always seem to bring in the most," Bower said. "The kids are so proud of what they bring in."

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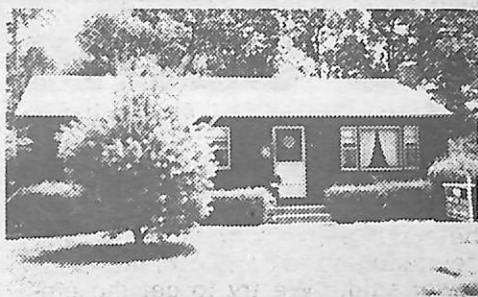
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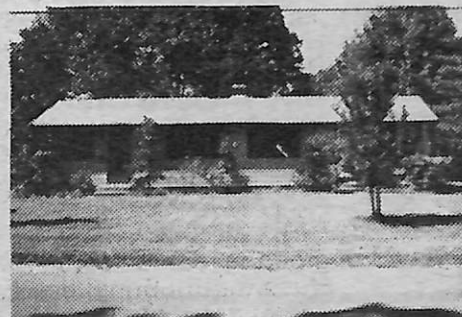
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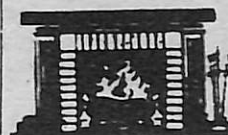
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## Agawam High's Music Department Slates Annual Winter Concert

The Agawam High School Music Department will present the Annual Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 20th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The concert will feature several performing groups, including the combined Show Choir and Freshman Chorus, the Concert Band, and the Jazz Band.

The Concert Band, under the direction of Scott Thomson, will perform a varied program which will include a collection of favorites from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker*. The Jazz Band, also under the direction of Scott Thomson, will perform seasonal favorites, as well as music featuring several of the fine young soloists in the band program.

The Combined Choruses will perform several well-known songs of the season, as well as popular tunes by James Taylor, Carly Simon, and Billy Joel. The Chorus is under the direction of Stephen Files.

The Concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. There will be a \$2 donation-requested.

## Audra J. White Named To Who's Who At Salve Regina University

Audra J. White of Agawam, daughter of Brenda Curran, is one of over 40 students from Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island, to be named in the 1995 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have recognized the students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

Audra joins an elite group selected from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in the United States and abroad.



## Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo  
Chairman

### Deadlines Are Important When It Comes To Financial Aid

It is important that students and parents adhere to deadline dates in the college and financial aid application procedure. For example, our department has stressed with seniors the need for them to submit their college applications for processing at the end of the first marking period.

With only one week remaining before the Christmas break, our staff cannot guarantee that applications will be processed by Friday, December 23rd, unless we receive them by Monday, December 19th. The process involves the writing and typing of a recommendation; completing college forms; collecting other requested forms to be included; and mailing. (If 25 were submitted in one day, the turnaround time would be at least three to five days.)

A reminder—a student must include with his/her application the following.

1. Two 29-cent stamps (until January 1, 1995) or possibly more, depending on the weight and size of the envelope.
2. Addressed envelope(s).
3. Completed application(s)—most schools request the high school CEEB number, which is 220005.

By the time you read this article, our annual financial aid night will be history. If you were unable to attend, your son/daughter can pick up the F.A.F. and the F.F.S.A. forms in the guidance

office. Information about filing these forms is available from Dr. Lee Sirois, Financial Aid Director at A.I.C.

The guidance staff will not assist a parent or student in filling out these forms, since the information you provide is personal and confidential. However, we can assist you in other matters regarding the filing. Our major role in this process is to disseminate financial aid information.

#### COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES:

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Scholarship Fair - Wednesday, March 8, 1995, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., high school cafeteria.

#### GUIDANCE BULLETIN

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## Highlights From Junior High's PTO Mtg. Of Nov. 28th

The last monthly meeting of the Agawam Junior High PTO was held on November 28, 1994. There were 10 people in attendance. The secretary's report and the treasurer's report were both read and accepted.

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The fundraiser has come to a very successful conclusion. The students did a great job again this year.

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It was noted that attendance on Conference night was down slightly; however, the parents that did attend found it to be very informative.

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Mr. Constanzi has signed our school up to participate in a program at the Bank of Boston. This program (which began October 11, 1994 and will run until May 31, 1995) will give the school a chance to earn materials or equipment.

Both Robinson Park School and the Agawam Middle School will be donating any points that they earn to the Junior High.

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The first book fair of the year was held at the school from December 6th through December 13th.

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The second reading of the Junior High by-laws was accepted.

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The Non-User's Club will be able to purchase 25 tickets to a Springfield Falcons game. These tickets will be used as prizes.

The members of the club will also be able to attend the Falcons game on January 15th. The cost for tickets is \$5 for students and \$7 for adults.

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The PTO also approved funding for a bus to take Lisa Nettis' class to a homeless shelter in Springfield. They will be touring the shelter and interviewing the people there.

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Donna read notes from the Superintendent's meeting. She also reminded everyone of the meeting on Monday, December 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Junior High regarding the Heterogeneous groupings.

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Mrs. Watson and Mr. Meagher presented a plan to the PTO to form a Junior National Honor Society. The PTO approved the funding to support this effort.

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Once again this year, Mr. Burns will be doing the Junior Solar Sprint Cars. In addition, he is bringing "Pie In The Sky" to our school. This event will involve knowledge from the Tech Ed., Home Ec., P.E., and Math classes.

The Univ. of Mass. will both generate the funding and judge this contest. More information will follow.

The third event is called Odyssey of the Mind. This will involve parent support in order to happen. This is a problem-solving program that will develop self-confidence and creative skills to make learning fun. The students are divided into teams and compete to solve the problem they are given. These teams can compete on a local and state level.

Anyone who wants more information should contact Mr. Burns at the Junior High.

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The next meeting of the PTO will be held on December 19th at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



POSTAL CLERK GEORGETTE BATTLES from the Agawam Post Office chats with Granger School kindergarten students. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Granger School Kindergarten Students Love Annual Visit From Agawam Post Office

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

When they play post office at Granger School, the kindergarten students aren't just fooling around. After their visit from Agawam Postal Clerk Georgette Battles, the children have a pretty good idea of what happens to the letters and packages once they reach the Post Office.

Throughout the fall, kindergarten teachers Pat Kallfa, Leann McKeever, Jackie Hayes, and Linda Morassi focus on teaching the children about community workers and safety.

The children learned about firefighters and fire safety by recreating a fire station in their classrooms. To top off their unit on fire safety, the classes took a walking field trip to the Feeding Hills Fire Station, stopping by Cincotta Farm Stand on their way.

In addition to learning how police officers, bus drivers, and crossing guards work to make the community a safe place, the children learned about the role of postal workers in serving the community.

### Culmination Of Unit Work

As a culmination of the community workers unit, Mrs. Battles has been an eagerly-awaited guest for the past 10 years. Along with informational brochures from the Post Office, Mrs. Battles brings her mail bag and the hand cancelling stamp occasionally used to postmark letters.

Each child had a turn using the cancelling stamp on a letter to their parents. Eagerly clutching their envelopes with a stamp provided by their teachers, the children lined up to postmark their letters before "mailing" them in Mrs. Battles' bag.

"The kids really look forward to having the letters they cancelled delivered to their homes,"

Mrs. McKeever said.

Mrs. Battles said she enjoys coming to the kindergartens. "The children are wonderful. They love cancelling the letters and this gives the children the opportunity to realize that knowing their address is very important."

"The children have been getting rewards if they know their address and phone numbers," Mrs. McKeever said. "We've tied in our community workers with our safety unit."

Before the children mailed their letters, Mrs. Battles explained that the U.S. Post Office delivers letters and packages all over the world. And while the children were a little confused on naming a foreign country (California, Florida, Pennsylvania, and Boston were suggested), they all knew their own zip code.

Most of the children had already been to the Post Office with their parents, but they were surprised to learn it cost more than a quarter to mail a letter.

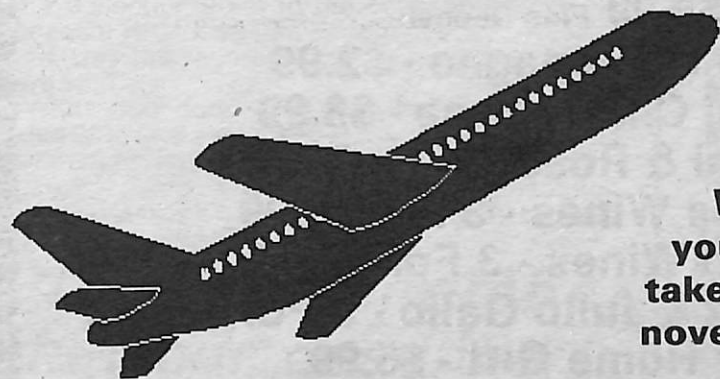
Mrs. Battles showed the children how postal workers stamp letters and packages that have to be returned to the sender (for lack of postage or that have been received at the Post Office in damaged condition).

Using their own stamps and the postal scale Mrs. Battles brought for their classroom post office, the children will have the chance to use the authentic "tools of the trade" to practice what they've learned.

The children all received a coloring booklet as well as a special treat from Mrs. Battles.

The third and fourth grade students of Margaret Hatheway, Kathy Heimann, and Shirley Lertora addressed the envelopes for the children's letters to their parents.

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## Jr. High Students To Reap Benefits Of Big Y Program

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The Big Y Education Express rolled to a halt last May, but the students at the Agawam Junior High School will benefit from the program for years to come.

Beginning in December 1992 through May 1994, Big Y offered its customers the chance to earn points for their school by purchasing specially designated items. The points accumulated when shoppers used their Express Club Cards at area Big Y stores and were later redeemed for equipment and supplies for the schools.

The four million points earned for the Junior High translated into more than \$3,000 worth of equipment, according to Assistant Principal Marc Costanzi.

More than 300 families with students at the Junior High participated in the program. School officials are banking on the same level of support from staff and parents for the new Investment in Education sponsored by Bank of Boston.

### Tremendous Help

"We thank businesses like Big Y and now Bank of Boston for offering these promotions, especially in these times of tight budgets," Costanzi said. "This helps us out tremendously."

Similar to the Big Y's project, Bank of Boston's Investment in Education will give parents and teachers an opportunity to earn the points that will be "spent" on supplies for the school.

"The Bank of Boston program is very simple. There's no obligation to buy anything or to open an account," Costanzi said. "Parents and teachers just have to walk into a Bank of Boston branch office and sign up for the Investment in Education points. We get 700 points for the school."

More points can be earned by opening accounts and by using other services offered by Bank of Boston to its customers.

Costanzi said teachers and staff have been encouraged to take advantage of the program and plans had been made to publicize the program at the parent/teacher conference night.

Using the points accumulated during the 18-month run of the Big Y Education Express, the Junior High has purchased a CD-ROM player, two computer work stations, a computer cart, software, up-to-date world maps, science and math kits, art supplies, a Thermofax machine, and a magnetic globe puzzle.

"The computer equipment really helped us out because we could put the computers on wheels and get them out to the classrooms," Costanzi said.

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## Holiday Program At Granger School



LAST MONTH JUST BEFORE THE THANKSGIVING BREAK, students at Granger School dressed up as pilgrims and Indians to celebrate the First Thanksgiving in Plymouth.

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## Open Pantry Benefits From Food Collection At Agawam High

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Thanks to the generosity of the students and staff at Agawam High School, and the dedication and hard work of the students of the Life Skills class, the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry received over 3,000 non-perishable food items to help keep its shelves stocked this holiday season.

For four weeks, students of Diana Chase's Life Skills course sponsored a food drive urging their fellow students to "Have a heart ... Do your part" to help those in need.

As the organizer of the class project, sophomore **Kara Gamache** said the class settled on the idea of collecting food for the Open Pantry after a brainstorming session to choose a community service project.

Kara termed the project a great success because everyone helped the class reach their goal of making a difference in the lives of the less fortunate.

"I've always wanted to do something like this," Kara said. "And I had the chance to make it come true."

"Kara is a great organizer," Mrs. Chase said. "She did such a great job."

Mrs. Chase praised her students for pitching in and putting together a huge campaign in such a short time.

During a visit to the Open Pantry with her mother, Kara learned that food stocks were so low the pantry had been forced to close two days a week.

"Sometimes people forget the poor around the holidays when they need the food the most," Kara said.

### A Variety Of Services

After a visit from an Open Pantry volunteer, the class learned that the agency does much more than simply hand out food to needy families. Senior citizens can get help paying their bills, find housing, or get a ride from the volunteer "taxi" service.

"They help families and single mothers," Kara said. "They run drug awareness programs and programs in parenting skills."

Student **Krysta Learned** said the visit from the Open Pantry "touched everyone."

Kara agreed that the visit served to make them all more aware of how much their help was needed and inspired them to work hard at coming up with strategies to collect as much as possible.

Each week, the 14 members of the class collected food items from the homerooms. In order to stimulate the students' interest in the food drive, the food items were counted and **Karen Nasiatka** kept a record of each room's totals. The three top homerooms received a breakfast of donuts and munchkins donated by the two Dunkin' Donut shops in town.

### Extra Incentives

Some teachers offered extra incentives to their students to encourage participation; some collected donations from their students and purchased in bulk from area food warehouse clubs. "The teachers had a lot to do with it (the success of the project)," Krysta said.

The winners were Room 48 (Larry O'Brien), Room 14 (Margo Poulin), and Room 19 (John Ferranti) (with totals of 617, 577, and 522, respectively).

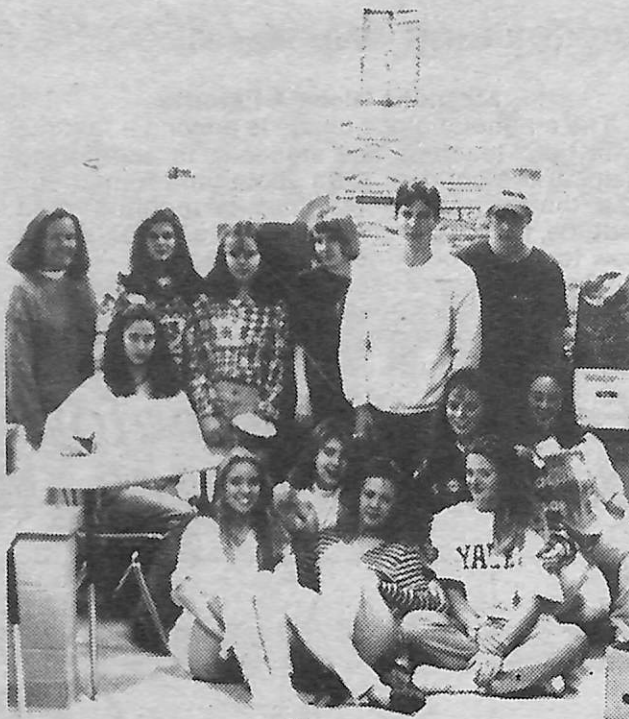
After visiting the Open Pantry and observing the needs of the people, Kara urged the students to clean out their closets of any unwanted clothes. Toys were also collected for distribution at the Open Pantry.

In addition to their efforts at AHS, the class set up a collection point in the community room at Pheasant Hill Village, in Feeding Hills.

"It was just another idea to get more food," Kara said.

While their food drive may be over, the Life Skills students aren't forgetting the needs of the community. Already they are at work helping the Agawam Junior Women's Club in conjunction with the Mayor's office to make holiday baskets for needy families in town.

**Please remember that our deadline is every Tuesday at noon. We do appreciate those who bring in their copy on Monday. Thanks.**



**AGAWAM HIGH LIFE SKILLS STUDENTS** and their advisor, **Diana Chase**, collected some 3,000 non-perishable food items for the Open Pantry. photo courtesy of David Pulaski.

## Fitness First Plans Vacation Kid's Kamp During Xmas Week

Fitness First in Feeding Hills will be holding its annual Christmas Vacation Kid's Kamp from December 26th-30th. The kamp will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day and is geared for children ages three through 12. (Must be toilet trained.)

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**Wednesday, December 21st:** Ta-  
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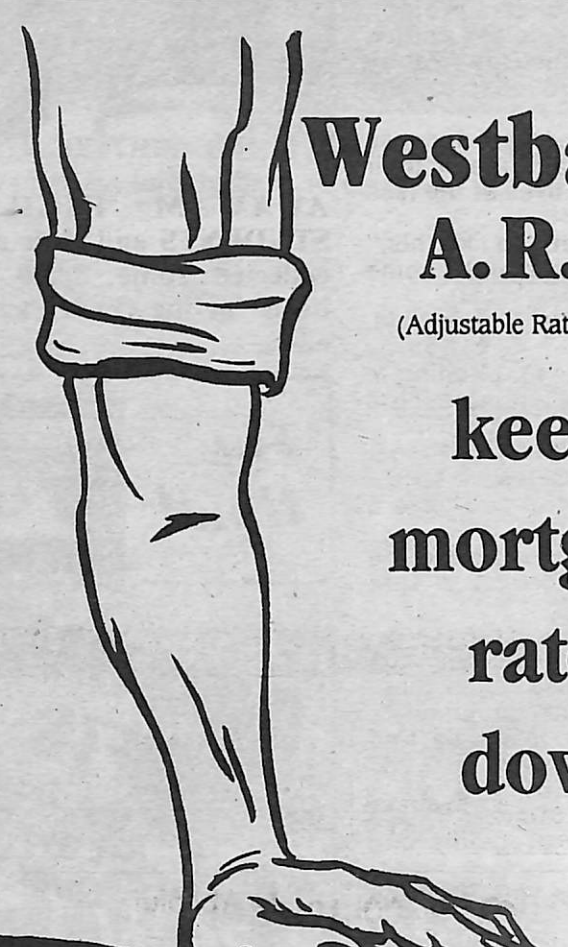
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## Sports

### AHS Winter Sports Ready For Action After Media Day

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Last Friday afternoon, the Agawam High School Athletic Department held a media day to officially open the Winter Sports Season. The event was eagerly anticipated because many of us were suffering serious withdrawal pains after thoroughly enjoying an exciting Brownie Fall Sports Season.

Just about all the winter warriors showed up for this one: the boys' and girls' varsity and freshmen basketball teams; the boys' ice hockey team; the wrestling team; the boys' and girls' ski and swimming teams.

Pictures were taken for the yearbook and the record books. Like all media days, it was a time of high expectations and positive outlooks. The coaches were smiling and confident. They weren't even thinking of the Mylanta bottle on this day.

Their athletes were eager and raring to go. Last year's records, whether good, bad, or mediocre, had been forgotten. After all, at this point, everyone was undefeated. Most were secretly harboring hopes that they'd remain that way throughout their respective campaigns.

The boys' basketball team, decked out in their brown and orange uniforms, even put on a dunking display for the paparazzi and fans in attendance. The Brownie hoopsters, who don't have the height they'd like this year, did have a few players who got above the rim.

#### Pre-Season Action

The next night, the fans got a chance to see the team in some pre-season action at the Agawam High boys' basketball jamboree. The participating teams were all from the Valley Wheel. They included Northampton, Chicopee Comprehensive (last year's Valley Wheel co-champion), Amherst (Suburban League co-runnerup and Western Mass. Division One semifinalist last season), and Longmeadow (Valley Wheel co-champion from a year ago).

All the games were 15-minute affairs, which gave the fans just enough time to whet their appetites for another season of roundball. The Brownies saw their first action at 7:30 against Amherst. It was evident right from the start that Agawam Coach Mike Martin was going to have his team run the fast break whenever possible. His fine guard, **Nathan Wooley**, was at the controls. His passes were crisp and right on to his wings and his guys going to the hoop.

Football star **Dan Bodman** took advantage of this particular offense to score three field goals. He was also 4-6 from the stripe, ending up with 10 points for the game. Agawam played a tight man-to-man on 'D,' trying to take advantage of their quickness.

Amherst, as quick and perhaps with a little more experience than the Brownies, won the game, 36-29. Agawam played Northampton in the final game of the evening and the Brownies won by a point, 23-22.

In that one, Martin had to be pleased with the play of sophomore forward **Todd Jorgenson**, who fit nicely into both the offense and the defensive scheme of things, despite his inexperience.

Agawam begins the basketball season in earnest on December 22nd. Both the boys and the girls will host a two-day holiday tournament at the Brownie gym.

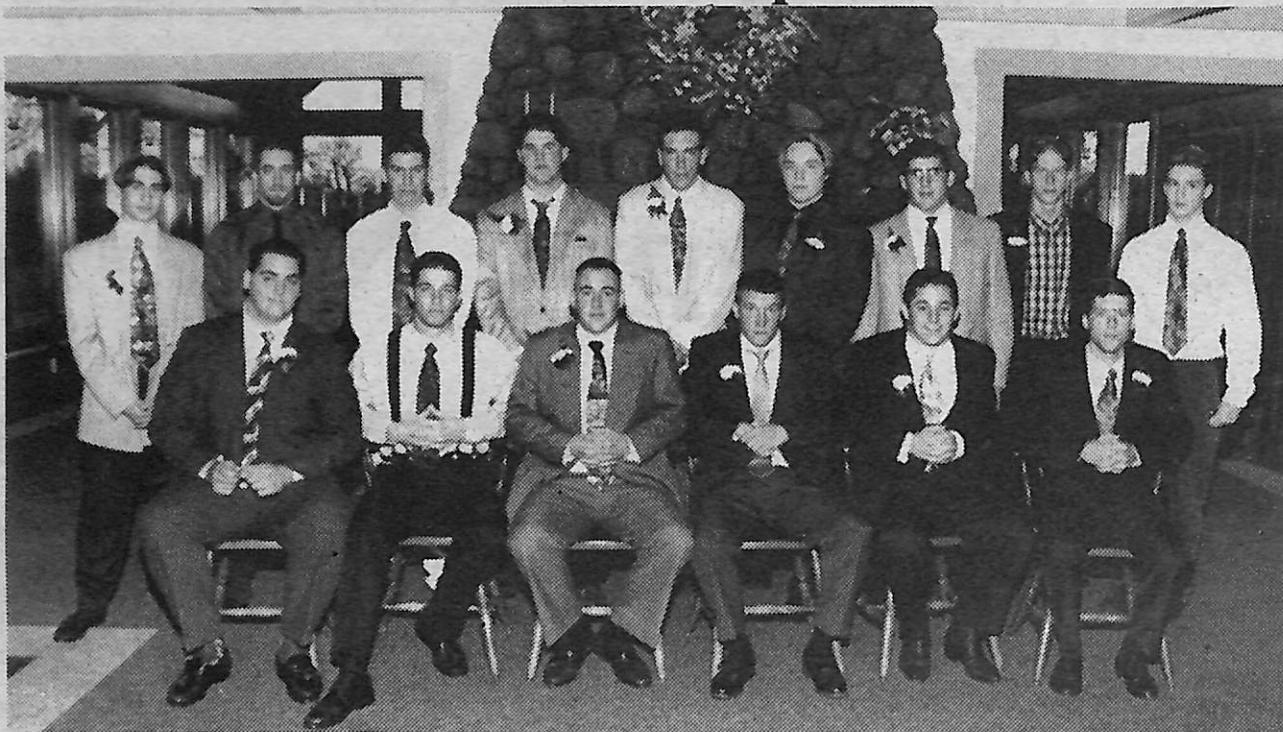
### "Coffee Hour" For Jack Kunasek Slated For December 29th

A "Coffee Hour" will be held on Thursday, December 29th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Agawam High School Cafeteria to honor Jack Kunasek on his retirement from the Town of Agawam.

All are invited to come and wish him well.

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### AHS Football Banquet Held



CLASS OF 1995 members of the 1994 Agawam High varsity football team gathered at the annual banquet. Standing, from left - Steven Cincotta, Mike Perry, Jeff Thomas, Dan Bodman, Kevin Gaffney, Matt Christy, Tommy Bobrowski, and Kirk Parker. Sitting - captains Jason Rossi, Brian Colby, Matt Disco, Martin Giroux, Jason Votzakakis, and Dave Curley. RELATED PHOTOS ON Page 53. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Brownie Wrestlers Set Sights On Ninth Straight Western Mass Title In 1995

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

If there is one constant in Agawam sports, it is this.

No matter what the fortunes might be in the other programs, the Brownies seem to always put a top-notch team on the wrestling mat. They've won eight Western Mass. titles in a row. They are the odds-on favorite to do it again this year. They boast four returning Western Mass. champions from last year's Pioneer Valley and Western Mass. championship team.

Brownie Coach Phil Tomkiel has a list of stars right on the tip of his tongue. In the 103-pound class, there's **Kevin McKay**. He has a corner in the 112-pound class in the person of freshman **Ryan**

**Grealis**. His main man in the 125's is senior co-captain **Adam Tebaldi**. In the 130-pound class, he has senior co-captain **John Scalise**.

Tomkiel notes that it took a long time for the team to become a force. He cites one problem. "We have no feeder program. The best programs in the state, like Lowell and Brockton, have junior leagues that get the kids ready for high school competition."

He went on. "We did it because of the character of the town. Agawam is a place of hardworking people, both blue and white collar individuals. I think our program reflects the town. The work ethic is important here."

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## AHS Football Players Honored At Banquet



**FRESHMAN FOOTBALL COACH** Kirk Parker with two of the team's star players at the annual banquet - Assistant Coach, Michael Birk, captain Michael Wing, Parker, captain Ryan Wilson, and Assistant Coach Bill Haag.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL COACHES** and 1994 team captains were honored at the team's annual banquet on November 27th at Oak Ridge Golf Club. Back row - Assistant Coaches Eric Lunden, Gary Geiger, John Benjamin, Kurt Boyle, Pete Pannes, and Head Coach Dean Vecchiarelli. Seated are captains Jason Rossi, Brian Colby, Matt Disco, Martin Giroux, Jason Votzak, and Dave Curley. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam High School's "Gridiron Glory, 1994"

by Lou Massoia  
Past School Committee Chairman

Now this here's a story,  
Like you've never heard before.  
About the Agawam Football Brownies,  
Of Nineteen Ninety-Four.

I'll start with the Team Captains,  
A total of Six, and Seniors all.  
To start this tale of football,  
From the big down to the small.

No. 7, is DAVE CURLEY,  
The first Quarterback of the year.  
This left handed thrower was mighty,  
As he played without any fear.

No. 33, is BRIAN COLBY,  
Fleet of foot, great hands and no fear.  
Catching passes or just defending,  
This Wide Receiver has no peer.

No. 43, is MARTY GIROUX,  
A running back and Captain you know.  
Though his game time was short,  
He would never give up, and was always there for the show.

No. 72, is MATT DISCO  
A Center that is better than many.  
But I still wonder how he snaps the ball,  
When the Quarterback pats him on the fanny?

No. 77, is JAY ROSSI,  
At 300 he is large and very deft.  
Next year you may see him on TV,  
Applying holds for the WWF.

No. 44, is JAY VOTZAKIS,  
Who runs over, around and thru.  
When you tried to tackle him head-on,  
He'd sure make a fool out of you.

Now there's Eleven more of Seniors,  
And they all will get their due.  
Cause I'll roast, praise and glorify them,  
Before this verse is through.

No. 1, is JOEY DILIZIA,  
The first I'll call a winner.  
This demon of the defense,  
Eats Quarterbacks for lunch and dinner.

No. 12, is BOB MAGISTRI,  
Who deserves a mighty hand.  
This Defensive Back is fearless,  
And was dubbed the "Rocket Man."

No. 13, is TOM BOBROWSKI,  
A Quarterback of little renown.  
Who enjoys this game of football,  
Playing for Agawam High, his hometown.

No. 20, of the Seniors,  
Is the next to get his due.  
STEVE CINCOTTA, a Wide Receiver,  
And a team player through and through.

No. 47, is MARK BRITTAIN,  
A Fullback without any fear.  
But this Fall he never did play,  
For this young lad was injured all year.

No. 50 & 56 together,  
Were awesome Linemen, at their best.  
KIRK PARKER, MIKE PERRY met the challenge,  
When constantly put to the "test."

No. 65 & 66, two more Brownies,  
Who played football with a flair.  
KEVIN GAFFNEY, MATT CHRISTY, were these  
two, big strong linemen, extraordinaire.

No. 76, is JEFF THOMAS,  
Big and strong he was always the boss.  
This year he tried to stay healthy,  
As he stayed away from Southwick Moto-Cross.

No. 85, is DAN BODMAN,  
Amherst College may be where he lands.  
For this great big Brownie Receiver,  
Has the greatest pair of hands.

His catches this year were legendary,  
As he leaped from side to side.  
But DAN, we would have loved one more T.D.,  
On Turkey Day against dreaded West Side.

Now that rounds out all the Seniors,  
Who've played their last for Orange & Brown.  
For next year they'll just be spectators,  
When they return to their old Home Town.

Now I'd like to recognize the Coaches,  
GARY GEIGER, ERIC LUNDEN, CURT BOYLE.  
For if the players are the machinery,  
Then the Coaches are surely the oil.

Lest we not forget the others,  
KIRK PARKER, BILL HAAG, MIKE BIRK.  
For the Frosh & J.V. are important,  
To hold "dummies" while Seniors do the work.

And last but not least, Head Coach, DEAN VECC,  
And the main man I can name.  
For the measure of a man is not Wins & Losses,  
But how he plays the "game."

And this man is a true gentleman,  
After all is said and done.  
SIX up & FOUR down is a "helluva" year,  
And how 'bout "Co-Champs," DIVISION ONE?

I'm nearing the end of my story,  
Of "Gridiron Glory '94."  
But I'd be remiss & derelict of duty,  
If I failed to recognize a few more.

The "Gridiron Parents" is that hardworking  
group,  
Who I think deserve a cheer.  
Their fund-raising is never ending,  
As they toil from year to year.

50-50 Raffles, Sweatshirts and Candy,  
Are some items that they have sold.  
But the Bonfire cheer by CURT FULLER,  
Was a spectacle to behold.

Now I'm really at the end of my story,  
Of "Gridiron Glory '94."  
We wish the Seniors God Speed & Good Luck,  
The Underclassmen will need that & much more.

So ends the Football for this year,  
'Till we gear up again come next fall.  
And now we get ready for the next sport,  
The game fondly known as "Round Ball."

**NO ONE COVERS Agawam High School Sports every week like Dave Rollins, sports editor. Dave is another reason why you turn our pages every week - ADVERTISER NEWS.**



## A Personal Perspective On Sports...

## Sometimes Taking The Shot Is Best Course!

by Dave Rollins  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Regret. The word can be used either as a verb or a noun. But no matter how it's used, the basic meaning is "something lost," whether it be an idea or a thing.

How many of us go through life with that word tagged on to our psyche? Our questions are these. Why didn't I do that? Why didn't I do this? Where would I be now if I'd done this or that? What if I'd followed a dream, no matter how impossible that dream might have been? What if that dream came true?

Right now, I'm addressing all the middle agers and their sons and daughters and maybe even their grandchildren. The focus is on athletics, because that's what I write about. How many of you reading this felt, when you were young, that you had that certain fire; that unique desire when you competed, that went beyond the playground variety of athletic competition?

How many of you seemed to know just what hole to run to; what pitch to hit; where the open man was; when to take the jump shot; when to hit the down the line shot; when to head that cross kick into the goal; when to hit that slalom gate just right?

When you played, were you lucky enough, or maybe good enough, to get into that area called the 'zone'? It's a place only the athletically gifted, either physically or mentally, ever get to visit. That place is as close to ethereal as you're ever going to get. That's where the pros play. It's their space. If you experienced that, chances are you might have been a pro.

## Life's Curveballs

Life has a way of throwing curveballs at us all. Parents, afraid of injury if you play football or some other contact sport, are a factor. Many of their fears were and are legitimate. Some of us had no choice but to work during our formative playing days (if we hoped to have money for college or if we hoped to have any money at all).

Others got into trouble, or got involved with drugs or ended up running with the wrong crowd. And there were those who had the misfortune of playing for coaches who were just doing the job for a few extra bucks and had no judge for talent, or who had no clue as to how to mold talent if they recognized it in the first place. There were and are so many things that can torpedo dreams.

Then, as we sit there in front of the TV or in the stadium, some of us get a bad case of regrets. Some of us say to ourselves, "Why couldn't I be doing that? I had some talent. Hell, I had a lot of talent. Those guys are pushing the ball upfield while I'm pushing papers on a desk."

We watch other guys slam dunk and get paid for it, while the only dunking we'll ever do will be down at the donut shop. We see a pro tennis player poach expertly at the net and realize the only thing we'll ever poach will be eggs for breakfast. It can get pretty depressing for some people.

## More Than Money

Of course, there's more to getting big bucks to play kids' games than just physical ability. Desire and the will to succeed have lots to do with it. I've heard more than one professional athlete say that when you get to that level, it's 30 percent physical and 70 percent mental. There are many people who had those two qualities in their amateur playing careers who never saw dollar one to play a sport. They just sort of got lost somewhere down the line. Losing dreams can be brutal for some people.

That brings me around to the sons and daughters of those people who harbor those regrets, or have no regrets at all, for that matter; but would like to prevent that happening to those they love.

In my travels around the convoluted world of sports, I've seen many talented kids. Kids who, I feel, have a legitimate shot at getting paid to compete. It makes me wonder if they're being given the right directions towards that goal. Now, I don't

mean the Todd Marinovich School of Preparation for the pros. His dad took from just about the cradle to the NFL by programming the kid like he was a piece of user-friendly software.

He's either had Todd lifting weights, throwing the ball through a tire, studying a playbook, or doing some other football-related activity. It was football 24 hours a day. Todd was a big star in high school, a quarterback for USC, and a failed quarterback for the Raiders.

Along the way, Todd's father forgot to get the kid a life. So, Todd ended up with an attitude and his share of drug problems.

And we all know the saga of Jennifer Capriati. This media-annointed teen queen of tennis went from drop shots to drug addict before she even got out of her teens. She was pressured to play by parents and advisors and coaches who failed to realize she was, and still is, a kid, not a meal ticket. Todd and Jennifer must have regrets, even though they "made it." They never had much of a childhood.

That's not the way kids who seem to have what it takes to go all the way should be treated. But they do need a little slack. They need nurturing. They need understanding. They need people older, and hopefully wiser, to chart the course and maybe even sacrifice a bit so they'll get a fair chance to succeed.

For many, a time will come when one and all realize it wasn't meant to be. But for some, the effort, by all involved, will pay off.

Remember—you don't have to be the biggest, the fastest, or the strongest to play professional sports. Look around sometime and you'll see it's true. Support and luck are factors. Many of us had neither and ended up with regrets.

If you feel a kid has what it takes, allow them to go for it. Whatever happens, it'll make the rest of someone's life a lot easier to deal with.

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## Strength And Reputation

The enthusiasm for the sport is also in evidence. There are 13 weight classes in schoolboy wrestling in these parts. That means only 13 kids on the team will be good enough to participate in a meet. Agawam has 43 kids on the team, all waiting for their shot. The strength and reputation of the program is the main draw.

"Most of our kids who don't get into a meet with us, could start for anyone," Tomkiel noted with pride. And he knows something about the sport. He's a member of the Schoolboy Wrestling Coaches' Hall of Fame.

The style of wrestling this team engages in isn't like the phony, show biz stuff you see the steroid freaks doing in the WWF. It's called "folk" or "country," according to Tomkiel. It's pace is a bit slower than Greco-Roman or Free-Style.

It calls for lots of skill and endurance, combined with moves refined by endless hours of practice. Tomkiel notes, "You can't have a bad day in wrestling." He bases that observation on the fact that you might be up by 14 points, but one mistake could get you pinned. There goes your 14 hard-earned points and even more important, you lose the match.

Once again, the Brownies will be facing tough competition in Western Mass. "Westfield, Amherst, Putnam, Central," Tomkiel said quickly, when asked about the folks who'll stand in the way of another trip to the battle for the state title. But the Brownies have beaten all these teams before.

Great talent, great tradition, and fans that support them with great enthusiasm will be on their side again this year. At presstime, they were getting ready to meet Cathedral.

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## Sportsmen's Corner

—By Bill Chiba—  
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### Congratulations, Shane Adams!

Shane Adams of Agawam, an ardent young bowhunter, took his prize buck this bow season by doing his homework and being very diligent and believing in himself.

Shane pre-scouted in early September and found what he was looking for. He found where a buck was bedding, his exit route, and the right place to put the tree stand. Shane put some pre-season time in his stand and observed the buck as he left his safe area.



**SHANE ADAMS** of Agawam with his eight-point buck (brought down with a bow).

A mock scrape was placed in the right shooting alley for a deadly shot at the buck. On one visit to the stand, Shane had a spike horn visit the scrape and a doe nosed around for quite a spell. This

made Shane feel more positive that he was going to put this eight-point buck in his freezer. The buck weighed 155 pounds. A nice animal.

On opening day, the expectant hunter was in his stand before daylight and remained for many hours. Nothing showed up but a gray squirrel. Not daunted by the bucks absent, November 11th was his next full day of bowhunting, and Shane was in his stand before daylight. A little after daylight, the buck sauntered up to the scrape and the steady-handed bowhunter released his missile to the fatal spot on the animal.

Shane waited for a good half an hour and then contacted his dad, Brian, and they trailed the blood sign to where the deer lay.

Shane took up the bow when he was 15 years-old and joined his dad in shooting sessions and attended several 3-D shoots.

Since the compound bow came into existence, hundreds of young men have taken to shooting and bowhunting in Massachusetts. 3-D tournaments have exploded, and at present there are three leagues in the state (with an average of 150 bowhunters attending the shoots).

I have shot with many of them, and they are clean-cut young men enjoying a clean sport.

Not to be outdone by the youngsters, Lance Poirier of Feeding Hills has taken two deers this season; one in New York and one in Connecticut. He missed out in Massachusetts.

Mike Fila took a doe during the Massachusetts season and missed out during the Connecticut season.

By the time you finish reading this sentence, the hunting and shooting sports market will have generated about \$45,000 for the nation's economy.

That translates into about \$2 million an hour, \$48 million a day, and \$18 billion a year, according to a recent study by the National Shooting Sports Foundation. Most hunters—and certainly most anti-hunters—will be surprised to learn that the sport of hunting pumps more into the U.S. economy each year than such corporate giants as Coca-Cola, Nabisco, and Anheuser-Busch.

Last year, the hunting and shooting sports market generated enough money to run a small country.

I think the anti-hunter should look further than his nose before spouting off his emotional rhetoric about hunting and the hunter.

Stop and think—since whitetails are edge animals, one of the best places for a stand is where two different types of habitat or vegetation border each other.

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What makes the location on the Eastern States Fairgrounds so special is the size of the building and its marketing location. The Better Living Center building is three acres in size, heated, has nine exit doors, and is on the main floor with acres of easy-access free parking. Location-wise, it is a promoter's dream from Vermont, New York, Connecticut, and New Hampshire. The Fairgrounds is a national landmark; over 100 motels and hotels are located in the area for your convenience.

And this year's award-winning show has been sighted by Trend Auto Industries of New York as the second-largest and best-attended off-season function of its type in the Northeast.

The 1995 "Auto Parts Swap N' Sell" has even more ingredients than ever before; over 350 different automotive experts with product displays from manufacturers like Morosso, Accell, Mr. Gasket, and much, much more. Then, there are the independents with used and new products, front-running teams from oval tracks, drag racing, 4 x 4, antique, and much, much more.

Don't miss it! The biggest and best all-automotive swap meet and flea market is set for Saturday and Sunday, January 21st and 22nd (show hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on both days; set-up is mandatory on Friday, January 20th only). At this point in time, all display space is taken; only oval track parts space is available!

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## Daggett's Gymnasts Sweep The Scoring At UMass Tournament

Tim Daggett's Gold Medal Gymnastics Boys' Team began the 1994-95 competitive season by achieving a nearly clean sweep at the annual UMass Christmas Meet on December 3rd.

The boys competed in six events: floor exercises, pommel horse, still rings, vault, parallel bars, and high bar. Competitors with the best scores overall also win All-Around awards.

Daggett's four team members in Class II came home with all the trophies! Ali Eslami from Manchester, CT was the big winner All-Around and captured a first in pommel horse and rings and third place in parallel bars and high bar.

Darren Morace of Westfield placed second on pommel horse and vault to take second All-Around. Agawam native John Szymczyk won the high bar and placed second in parallel bars and rings to win third All-Around. Andrew Leis, competing in Class II, ages 14-15, came in fifth All-Around, having won second in high bar and third in floor exercises.

In Level III action, Jamey Houle of Longmeadow placed first on high bar and second on floor exercises, coming in third in All-Around. Matt Perry won the high bar, came in second on pommel horse, and third on still rings to gain the second place trophy in All-Around in Class III, ages 14-15.

John Abbate brought home the gold in Class IV with a first on still rings, second on high bar and pommel horse, and third on parallel bars. Class V team member Steve Gaudette also racked up the ribbons sweeping first in parallel bars, floor exercises, and pommel horse, second on rings and placing third on vault to win the All-Around trophy for his age group.

The next meet for the Daggett's Boys' Team is their favorite, the Tim Daggett National Invitational at Springfield College, held this year on the weekend of January 7th and 8th. From there, the boys go on to the States Regionals (to be held this year at UMass), and hopefully, the National Competition to be held this year in Oakland, California.



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The Agawam Recreation Department announces that the registration for its winter 1995 programs will begin on Tuesday, January 3, 1995. All programs are offered on a "first come, first served" basis. No phone registrations will be accepted.

Registration for both youth (must reside in Agawam) and adult programs will be held daily, Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Agawam Recreation Office (located at the Agawam High School; right driveway, rear entrance—look for the signs). All fees are payable in advance of the program.

Please make all checks payable to the Town of Agawam. There will be no refunds of the program fee unless the program is cancelled. All programs are subject to change due to gymnasium availability and to participation.

All programs will be cancelled on any day that school is closed due to inclement weather. Notification will be placed on radio station W.M.A.S. (both A.M. and F.M.) and TV channels 22 and 40. If you are still in doubt, call the Recreation Office at 786-0400, extension 456.

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL/SWIM:

This is a recreational volleyball program. It is designed for fun and exercise (with a swim, if desired).

Session: January 9th to March 27, 1995.

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym "B."

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office (limit of 20).

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds).

No programs on Monday, January 16, 1995, or on February 20, 1995. All players must be 18 or over.

### CO-ED VOLLEYBALL/SWIM:

This co-ed volleyball program is for recreation. It is designed for fun and exercise (with a swim period, if desired). It is for adults 18 and over.

Session: January 9th to March 27, 1995.

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym "A."

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds).

### MEN'S VOLLEYBALL:

This volleyball program is recreational. It provides exercise, fun, and competition. All players must be 18 and over.

Session: January 12th to March 23, 1995.

Time: Thursday nights, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam High School (Middle Gym).

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office (limit of 20).

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds).

No program will be held on Thursday, February 23, 1995.

### ADULT OPEN GYM - HIGH SCHOOL:

This program is a recreational open gym for adults 18 and over. It will be held twice a week: Monday and Thursday nights from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Session: Monday night, January 9th; Thursday, January 12, 1995 (to the end of March).

Time: Monday/Thursday nights, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam High School (Main Gym).

Registration: Not required, but you must be an Agawam resident.

Program Fee: \$2 per night (pay the supervisor at the door).

Please supply your own basketballs/equipment.

There will be no program on Monday, January 16th; Monday, February 20th; and on Thursday, February 23, 1995.

### RECREATIONAL SWIM SCHEDULE:

The pool at the Agawam Junior High School will be open for public swims for both youth and adults on Sunday afternoons, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and on Monday nights, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

It is recommended that you leave no valuables in the locker room or pool area. Lifeguards will be on duty, and all pool rules will be in effect. No cutoffs will be allowed in the pool, and children under 10 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Session: Sundays, January 8th to March 26, 1995, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Monday nights, January 9th to March 27, 1995, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Pool.

Registration: No required.

Pool Fee: \$2 per person for youths and adults; \$1 per person for children under six.

There will be no swims on Monday, January 16th or February 20, 1995.

### CIVIC ORGANIZATION GYM/SWIM:

The Junior High School pool/gym is available for rent on Friday nights through reservations. There is a charge of \$45 per hour, and a lifeguard will be on duty.

Session: January through May 1995.

Time: Friday nights, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Pool.

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office.

Rental Fee: \$45 per hour.

## Brownie Girls' Soccer Gather For Banquet



**SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS** of the 1994 Agawam High School varsity girls' soccer team gathered for their annual banquet at Chez Josef on November 20th. Senior class members included, from left - Deanna Knodler, Kristen Schmaelzle, Shauna Nacewicz, Brooke Hollister, Dina DeMarco, and 13-year Coach Bill O'Brien, who said that the '94 season was his last at the Brownie helm. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



## At Games And Lanes

Instructors

**KEN FEVER**

Co-owner and director of Great Save Goalkeeper Training, Fever has worked at numerous summer camps and has done clinics throughout the Northeast.

Fever has played professionally for both the New Brunswick Flames of the Canadian Indoor Soccer League, and this past summer as a back up goalkeeper for the Carolina Vipers of the Continental Indoor Soccer League.

**ANDY CANATA**

Canata is currently goalkeeper coach for the Olympic Development Program. He is also the assistant and goalkeeper coach for the woman's soccer team at Westfield State College, and was goalkeeper coach at American International College.

**7 Week Session Beginning  
Friday, December 23rd Thru  
February 10th  
(No Session The 30th)**

**Training Session Each Friday  
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**Training Session \$60.00  
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*Each Participant Must Bring  
His/Her Own Goalkeeper Equipment  
(Long-Sleeve Shirt, Goalkeeper  
Pants, Knee And Elbow pads. Gloves  
Are Recommended.)*

**For More Information, Please Contact Games And Lanes At 789-3273.**



## Agawam Piranhas Defeat Hampshire Regional, 508-199

The Agawam AA Piranhas swim team crushed the Hampshire Regional team by a score of 508-199 on December 9, 1994 at the Agawam Junior High School. The results included:

### Girls 8 & under:

The team of Katie Gorman, Lauren Fox, Bethany Reid, and Jillian Kos placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay; and the team of Julie Gorman, Kristen Wojcik, Marissa Wynne, and Tammy Gorman placed third.

Jillian Kos, first, and Genevieve Wojcik, third in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Genevieve Wojcik, Johannah Kos, Julia Weisgerber, and Angela Vinton placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.

Lauren Fox, first, and Marissa Wynne, third in 25-yard freestyle; Bethany Reid, second, and Angela Vinton, third in 25-yard butterfly; Jillian Kos, first, Katie Gorman, second, and Tammy Gorman, third in 50-yard freestyle; Lauren Fox, first, and Kristen Wojcik, second in 25-yard backstroke; Bethany Reid, first, and Johannah Kos, second in 25-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 8 & under:

The team of Jeffrey Lagasse, Doug Duquette, Jamie Lewin, and Ben Bruso placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Ben Bruso, first, and Jamie Lewin, second in 100-yard individual medley; Jeffrey Lagasse, first, and Doug Duquette, third in 25-yard freestyle; Jamie Lewin, first in 25-yard butterfly; Jeffrey Lagasse, first, and Joseph McGeoghan, second in 50-yard freestyle; Joseph McGeoghan, first, and Shaun Bruso, second in 25-yard backstroke; Ben Bruso, first in 25-yard breaststroke.

### Girls 9-10:

The team of Hilary Golas, Kara Gilhooly, Christina O'Brien, and Amanda Fox placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Hilary Golas, first, and Christina O'Brien, third in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Allison Morris, Ashley King, Kyleigh Egan, and Nicole Breivogel placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Hilary Golas, first, and Kara Gilhooly, third in 50-yard freestyle; Amanda Fox, first, and Kyleigh Egan, third in 50-yard butterfly; Christina O'Brien, second, and Kara Gilhooly, third in 100-yard freestyle; Ashley King, third in 50-yard backstroke.

### Boys 9-10:

The team of Brian McGuire, Paul Lagasse, Thomas Gorman, and Daniel Adamski placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Brian McGuire, first in 100-yard individual medley; Daniel Adamski, second, and Paul Lagasse, third in 50-yard freestyle; Paul Lagasse, first, and Thomas Gorman, third in 50-yard butterfly; Brian McGuire, second, and Thomas Gorman, third in 100-yard freestyle; Daniel Adamski, first, and Joshua Lewin, third in 50-yard backstroke.

### Girls 11-12:

The team of Kaitlin Morris, Chrissy Climo, Rachel Morris, and Lauren Kunkler placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Shannon Costa, first, and Chrissy Climo, second in 200-yard individual medley.

The team of Hilary King, Jennifer Reid, Caitlin Weisgerber, and Shannon Costa placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Caitlin Weisgerber, first in 200-yard freestyle; Hilary King, second, and Lauren Piccin, third in 50-yard freestyle; Caitlin Weisgerber, first, and Rachel Morris, third in 50-yard butterfly; Shannon Costa, first, and Rachel Morris, third in 100-yard freestyle; Hilary King, first, and Lauren Piccin, second in 50-yard backstroke; Jennifer Reid, first, Chrissy Climo, second, and Kaitlin Morris, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 11-12:

The team of Joseph Santaniello, Nathan Adamski, Thomas Graveline, and Ryan Hanley placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Thomas Casiello, second in 200-yard individual medley; Nathan Adamski, second in 200-yard freestyle; Nathan Adamski, first, and Ryan Hanley, second in 50-yard freestyle; Joseph Santaniello, first in 50-yard butterfly; Thomas Graveline, first, and Joseph Santaniello, second in 100-yard freestyle; Ryan Hanley, second, and Thomas Graveline, third in 50-yard backstroke; Thomas Casiello, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

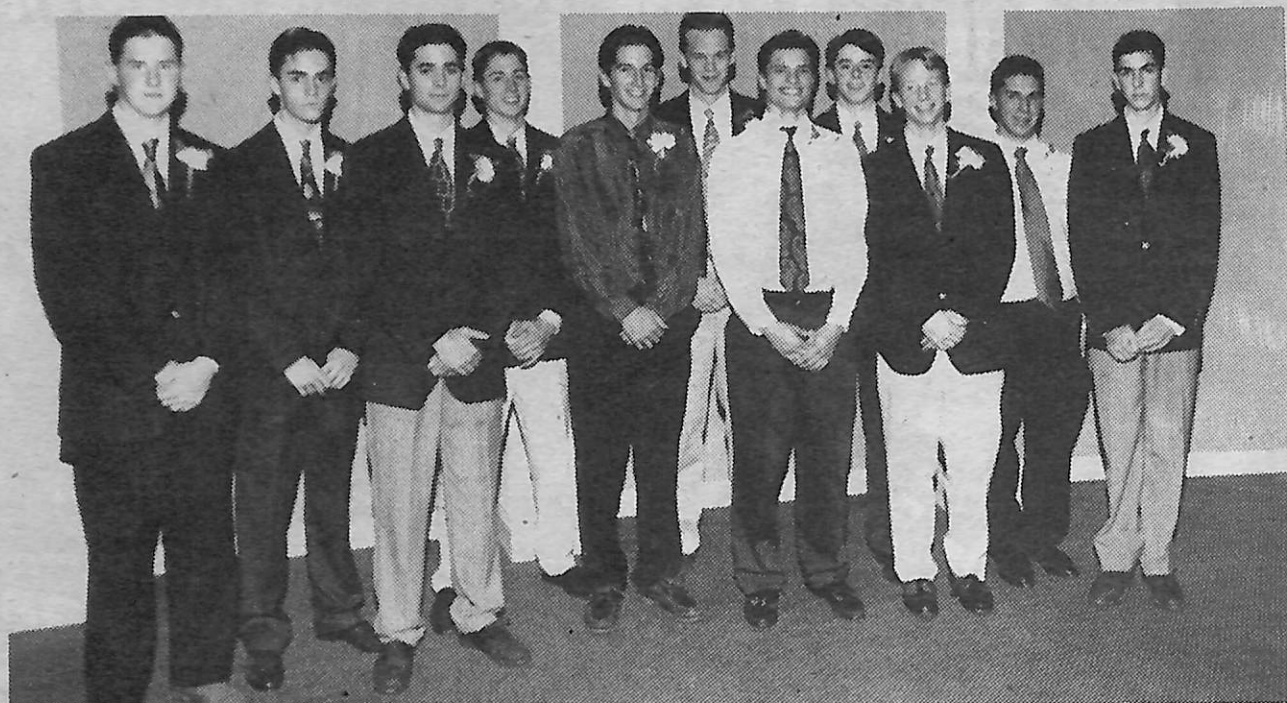
### Girls 13-14:

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Melissa Sparver, Trina Bowler, Kelly Robinson, and Sarah Nacewicz placed first; and the team of Brenna McGinn, Michelle Heim, Kimberly Ziemba, and Christy Roberts placed second.

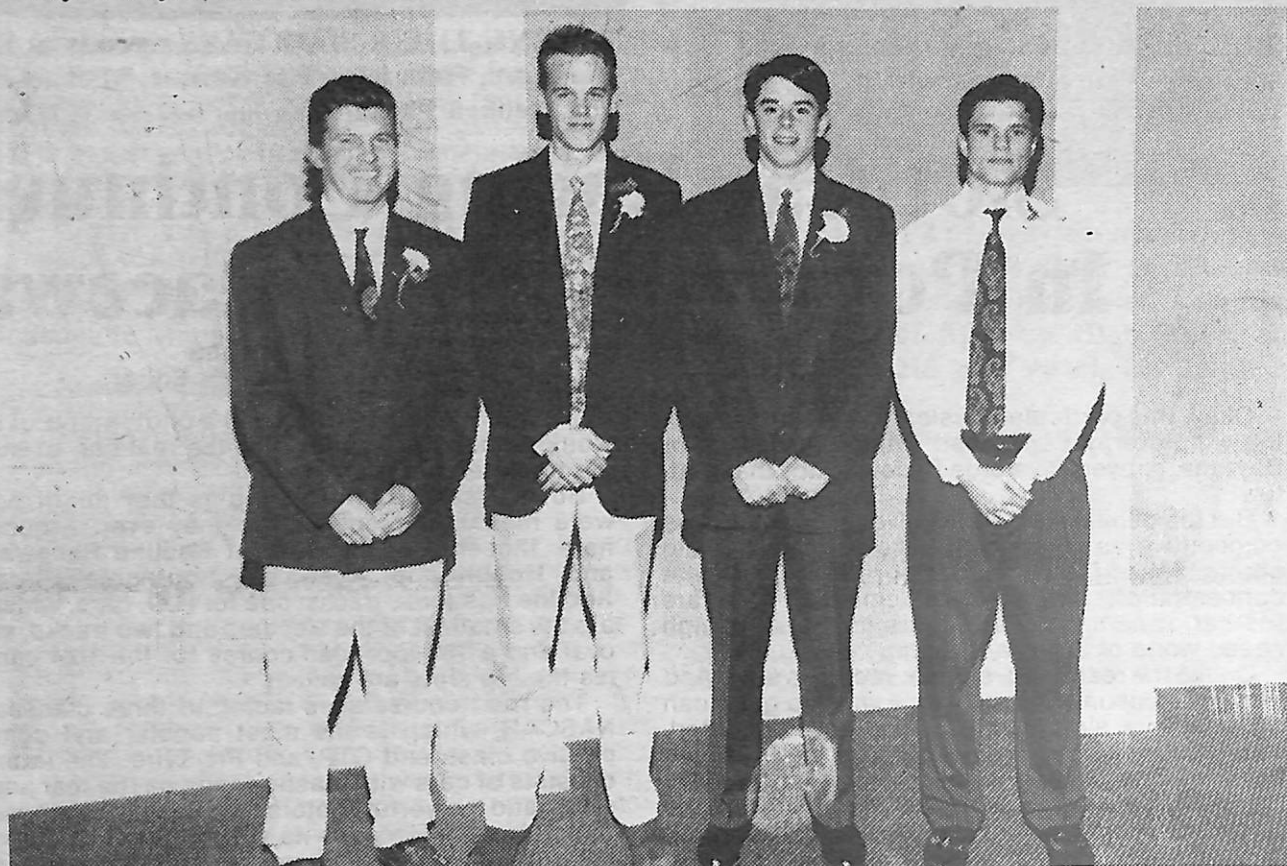
In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Kimberly Sullivan, Danielle Deforge, Alicyn Siano, and Kelli Kunkel placed first; and the team of Katie Theroux, Christy Roberts, Jennifer McGuire, and Gina LeClair placed second.

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## AHS Boys' Soccer Honored At Banquet



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the 1994 Agawam High School boys' soccer team were honored at the annual banquet at Chez Josef. From left - Bob Burke, Ryan Willett, Tony Rose, Aaron Hill, Matt Bryant, Todd Boskiewicz, Frank Fila, Derek Poole, Brian Chechile, Bryan Boyer, and Paul Arnold. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



VARSITY BOYS' SOCCER COACH Dwight Northrup (left) with his three captains at the annual soccer banquet held last month at Chez Josef. Team captains included Todd Boskiewicz, Derek Poole, and Frank Fila. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Fordham New Leaders In Tri-Parish Bowling

Fordham has passed Georgetown as the new leader in Round Two of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League. Fordham (12 wins) used a strong night vs. St. Mary (4th place/8 wins) to vault past G-Town (12 wins, but with a lower total team pinfall).

In crusing past St. Mary's, Fordham was led by TONY "I'm Not A Captain" KOZAK (289-288 over LARRY FORTIER), MARY THOMAS (a huge 307), and substitute Captain "Steady" EDDIE GALLERANI (328). "Steady Eddie" really laid the wood to St. Mary's distraught captain, STEVE BONESTEEL (292). Bonesteel came into the match in second place in the Men's A (101.2). The only winner for St. Mary's was leadoff roller STELLA BARBIERI (277; third in Women's B at 88.30).

For Fordham, "I'm Not A Captain" Kozak is fifth in Men's B at 91.33; and Mary Thomas is now at 92.19 in Women's A.

Georgetown fell off its lofty perch somewhat against a fired-up St. Louis team (6th place/6 wins). G-Town had two strong winners - second roller DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (320) and leadoff roller MARSHA DOBIE (309). But St. Lou fought back with third roller TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS (317) and a big upset victory by Captain GLEN ADAMS over the famous DEBBIE POIRIER, 310-291. Debbie came into the match as the overall league leader in average, but slipped off that perch after falling against Adams.

Debbie now boasts an average of 109.5, which is just below that of "Jolly" OLLIE MULDER (110.4). Marsha Dobie had a fabulous night to help

save G-Town as she rolls in Women's C at 87.8. "Don't Sit On" Stitt is second in Men's B at 97.15. For St. Lou, "Not Tony" Curtis is the top dog in Men's A at 103.26 and Adams is third in Men's A at 98.25.

In the night's next match, seventh place Boston College (5 wins) faced third place Holy Cross (9½ wins). This match was pretty even. Winners for BC were leadoff TINA FRAPPIER (266) and JIM MCCORMICK (308). For HC, winners were DORIS FORTIER (277) and JOHN "Smiley" REILLY, a 310-287 conquerer of a not-too-happy JOHN MLINEK. "Smiley" Reilly is third in Men's AA at 104.9, while Mlinek is fifth in Men's A at 92.12.

For BC, Tina Frappier is second in Women's B at 89.3; and McCormick is fourth and moving up the ladder in Men's AA at 103.21, just behind "Smiley" Reilly. Doris Fortier is sixth in Women's B at 86.18.

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In the final match of the night, last place Notre Dame (4 wins) faced fifth place St. Anselm (7½ wins). St. A's controlled this match as leadoff GUS FRAPPIER (280), VENETTA SNYDER (a big 327), and Captain LOU MULDER (341, high score in the league for the night) all were winners. Mulder easily crushed a shocked FLO ROCHFORD (259), who sports a pretty nifty average of 98.18 in Women's AA. Mulder is in second place at 107.18 in Men's AA and hopes to close in on blood relation "Jolly" Ollie Mulder.

The only winner for ND was third roller JOHN LONCRINI (314). He is the leader in Men's B at 99.1. (Why is this guy hiding in Men's B when he should be up to the Men's A, thank-you?)

See you next week.





**BOB MARCO** of Redline Raceway and Hobbies helps Pete Hopkins with his slot car. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**RACING THEIR SLOT CARS** recently at Redline Raceway and Hobbies in the Southgate Plaza are, from left - Tim Gaynor, Michael Eggleston, Ryan Campbell, Kenneth Eggleston, and Stephen Packard. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Slot Car Racing Continues To Grow In Popularity; New Raceway In Town

by Dave Rollins  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Okay, this particular version of automobile racing will never get confused with Indianapolis, or Daytona, or even Riverside Raceway, for that matter.

But the people who are involved in it are just as competitive as those guys who drive in the big shows. These folks have quick reflexes, singular concentration, and good anticipation. They are the car owners and car drivers in the wild, high speed world of Slot Car Racing.

Unlike the real thing, slot car racing is safe. And depending upon which way you want to go, it can be relatively simple or excitingly complicated. You don't risk your life in this sport, unless you get extremely unlucky enough to get hit by a lick on the noggin or by some car careening off the track at full speed. But I've never heard of that happening.

It's simple, because the equipment needed comes in many different forms. The cars, for example, can be bought already built and ready to run right out of the box. Their motors, bodies, and chassis are mated together at the factory to provide you with a competitive machine from the get-go. All you need after that is a hand-held controller that enables you to regulate the speed of the car and you're ready to go racing.

Or, you can go the complicated but exciting route and build your car from the ground up. That's how **Tom Gaynor** of Agawam approaches the sport. He runs cars called NASCAR Stocks. He's also a crew chief for the real thing, car number 22, which competes at Riverside Park Speedway for Huya Racing. So, it all comes naturally for him.

He buys the body, chassis, motor parts, and controller. He then proceeds to modify the equipment through subtle changes in the chassis (for better handling) and building and setting up the motor just so in the chassis for maximum speed. He also takes great pains to buy the right tires (from the many offered) that will give his car the best grip on the track surface.

If his set-up is right, he says, he'll have a winning car. He also admits that this hobby, "Is a good way to spend the racing off-season."

### Just Like "The Real Thing"

The cars are perhaps the most fascinating aspect of this sport. They are not just crude lumps of plastic hooked up to an electric motor. These little machines, which are five or so inches long, are almost spitting images of the real things on the NASCAR circuit.

You can buy a clear plastic body in the shape of a Ford Thunderbird, a Pontiac Grand Prix, a Chevy Lumina, or many other makes and models and make it look just like the car your favorite driver pilots.

To this end, a multitude of paints are available as are a vast array of decals that consist of numbers, sponsor names, and racing logos.

When you're done making the car, you could

place it in the right setting and a photograph of it would appear (amazingly) like the real car, at the big track ready to race.

But the cars, as interesting as they might be, were meant to race, and do they ever. Around here, those races are held at **Redline Raceway and Hobbies** in Agawam's Southgate Plaza. Redline has three tracks: one for H.O. cars, which are the smallest of the slot cars and two tracks, an oval and a 180-foot road course for the 1/24 cars (as the big slots are called).

The road course sees racing in three classes: NASCAR, which is the most popular and competitive class and GTP, and Pro Wire. The latter consists of cars with plastic wings on the rear and sides and powerful motors, the fastest of those three classes. Because its wings hold it down on the track, a Pro Wire can reach real time speeds in the 40 mile an hour range and scale speeds approaching 300 miles an hour.

The road course has enough width for eight cars, each running in its own color-coded slot. And no matter what the class might be, the competition is fierce. In order to have a shot at winning, a driver not only has to have a good car, but they have to have some attributes of their own. These include iron clad concentration, good anticipation, and experience.

### Racing Against The Track

One of the racers told me that experience in this sport means realizing that you are racing against the track and not necessarily the guy in the next lane. Head to head racing is nice, and only the really savvy drivers can do it with any consistency. That type of racing, according to this experienced driver, will get you into trouble in the form of a spin-out, which costs valuable time in the overall scheme of the race.

I got a chance to try all of it out myself. Redline owner Bob Marco gave me a car that looked like an Indy racer and a controller and told me to get in some practice time.

First of all, the speed itself is exciting. The car I had was capable of reaching real time speeds of close to 30 miles an hour on the road course, which consists of straights and turns and a high banked curve as steep as anything you'd find at Daytona. The car's scale speed was somewhere in the high 180 mile an hour range. And I had trouble holding it on the track, even though I was told the particular model I had handled well.

When I tried to race someone else for any length of time, I invariably crashed. Most of the people on the track with me seemed to have little problem controlling their cars. Even when I held my line, they were whizzing past me.

The whole secret to this is one simple thing - the computer. They had slot cars years ago, of course. But back then you raced your lump of ugly plastic on a track that maybe had two or three lanes. You won a race by keeping track in your mind how many laps you were up or down when you crossed the finish line.

The computer takes care of all that now. It's

hooked up to all the slot grooves in the track with the main terminal at the front desk. From there a big monitor screen shows the progress of every car in the race: laps completed, lap times, speed, fastest lap, etc.

The computer is programmed for the number of laps to be run in the race. And when the first car to complete the required number crosses the finish line, it stops the action and automatically gives the order of finish for all the other cars in the race. This space age technology has many attributes. Among them, it cuts out all arguments and it also stops you from going crazy during a race, because no human being, not even Dustin Hoffman's character in "Rain Man" could keep track of every car's position in the fast paced competition.

A number of heats are run in every race, so cars get a chance to compete in different grooves on the track. It's supposed to put everyone on an equal playing field. Also, "marshals," mostly drivers who aren't running that particular race of occasional spectators, are stationed at all the corners to put wayward cars back on the track. A spinout loses you precious time. And that's what the computer is counting.

Practice is held at Redline every afternoon and evening except Mondays (when they're closed). Racing is held whenever enough people get together and compete, which is often because the place usually attracts a fair sized crowd. Many of Redline's racing events draw competitors from as far away as Boston.

Now it's time for the bottom line. What does it cost to get into this sport? You'll be surprised. To compete in the most popular class, NASCAR, a machine right out of the box will cost you between \$30 and \$35. Some racers own up to 10 cars. A good controller will add another \$30 onto your bill.

Add the small tools, lubricants, modification kits (if you want them), and extra tires necessary to field a competitive car, and you're looking at about \$125 total.

If you decide to build your machine from the ground up, it'll probably cost you \$50 for the different components that go into the car itself.

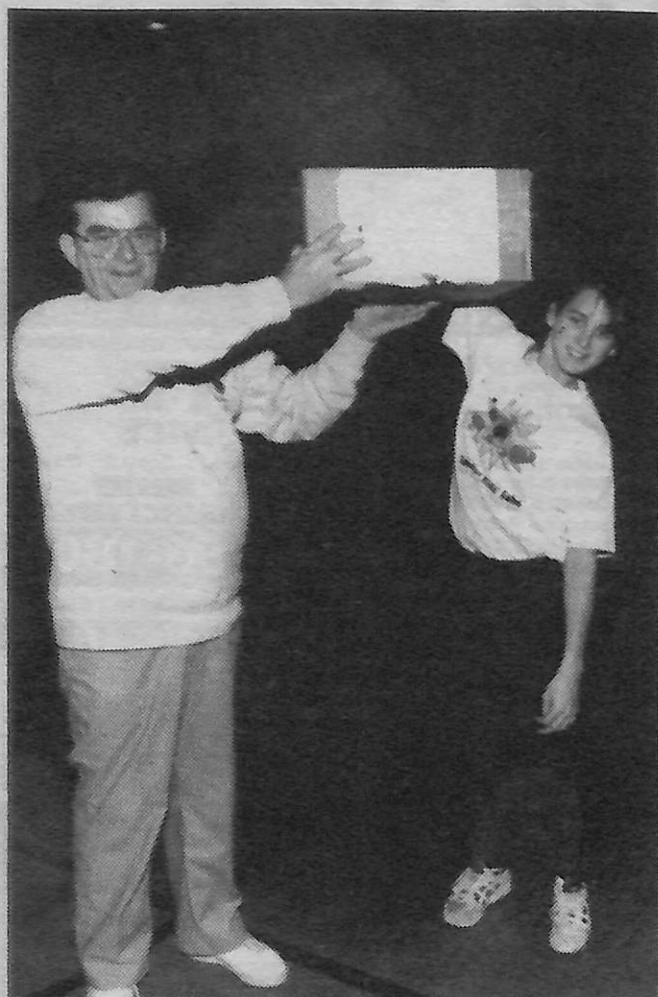
It's also smart to buy a spare motor for 20 bucks. (Because no matter what type of car or cars you have, sometimes motors burn out and your car comes down the track billowing can go bonkers). A class called the group 27's, which races once a month at Redline, can cost \$300-\$400 per car.

At Redline, it'll cost you \$3 for 30 minutes of track time. An hour is \$5. The omnipresent computer keeps track of the time for you. A pit area is provided so the racers can work on their cars. There are special youth rates on Saturdays and programs for them as well, which includes a kid's race and instruction on car care.

Most of the people involved in slot car racing, at least around here, are males in their early teens to mid-50's.



## And The Winner Is...



**AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT Robert Hersey** watches as **Kristen Patterson** picks the winners of the annual raffle - **Steve & Judy McGuire, Kate Ratkiewicz, and Dan Bertolucci.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## NovaCare Rehab Clinic Sponsoring Free Clinics On Sports Medicine

NovaCare Outpatient Rehabilitation is sponsoring free Sports Medicine Clinics at the Feeding Hills center at 60 North Westfield Street.

These clinics feature free consultative services from area physicians specializing in sports medicine. Subramani Seetharama, M.D., M.S., and Jonathan D. Ellen, M.D. will identify the injury and recommend the proper course of treatment.

Clinics are held on Monday evenings. Appointments are required, by calling (413) 786-8909.

NovaCare Outpatient Rehabilitation is the premier provider of outpatient physical therapy, with more than 350 centers in 29 states. NovaCare, Inc. is the leading rehabilitation management services company in the United States and is the nation's largest employer of rehabilitation professionals.

NovCare's 10,000 clinicians treat 37,000 patients each day in nursing facilities, acute care and rehabilitation hospitals, outpatient clinics, and orthotic and prosthetic patient care centers.

## CPR Registrations Being Taken By American Red Cross

The American Red Cross has announced that registrations are now being taken for the National "CPR for the Professional Rescuer" courses to be held this winter at the Red Cross facility at 235 Chestnut Street in Springfield.

This course is designed to teach professional rescuers (police, firefighters, lifeguards, EMTs) the skills needed to respond appropriately to respiratory and cardiac emergencies. This course teaches CPR for infants, children, and adults as well as two-rescuer and bag valve mask skills.

Lifeguards, get prepared for summer employment. Material fee is \$62 per participant.

To enroll, either visit the Red Cross Mondays through Fridays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or call 737-4306 to request an application and schedule.

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## Top Drivers At Riverside Speedway Need A "Ride"

With a little over 100 days until the 1995 NASCAR Winston Racing Series begins at Riverside Park Speedway, three of the hottest drivers to ever grace the Agawam quarter-mile track still have no "ride" for Saturday nights! They have won honors that include the Winston titles, and one is even a three-time "Most Popular" driver. Fact is, each one has distinct credentials that (when combined with experienced race driving) should be an easy sell.

Yet, three-time Riverside Winston Racing Series Champion **Stan Greger** does not have a regular ride in 1995. Meanwhile, **Bruce D'Alessandro**—Riverside's 1989 Champion and a front-running Modified Tour driver—doesn't have a Riverside Modified ride for 1995, either.

Still, the third driver should be the hottest property at Riverside, yet SHE doesn't have a Riverside Modified ride; that's right, **Renee Dupuis** is looking for a ride, even though she's been voted as the "Most Popular" driver on three occasions.

Without a doubt, these three drivers possess marketing and unique driving abilities, and every day, they seek to acquire an existing team or create a new team in search of a Riverside point fund that will exceed \$70,000 in 1995.

Each of these drivers brings something special to Riverside Park Speedway, and Stan Greger's contribution just so happens to be that he is one of the smoothest drivers at the Agawam facility. He has driven for 10 different owners since 1989, and has won at least one race every season at Riverside.

Greger is also a favorite of the fans and is in search of a fourth title. He brings a potential sponsor and some backing to a team that he could run the Park with for 1995. Moreover, Greger has the ability to win races without wrecking equipment.

Renee Dupuis is one of the future female stars of NASCAR. A blonde college student with intelligence and good looks, she has drawn the attention of corporate America.

A talented driver, Dupuis has driven for Ben Dodge and Start/Finish Motorsports on the NASCAR Modified Tour. She has run laps in 19:600 at Thompson, thereby impressing everyone. In addition, she is a three-time Pro 4 Modified feature winner and the crowd favorite.

Dupuis believed that she had a potential Modified deal, but (unfortunately) this deal did not materialize in November. Yet, she is a perfect candidate for maximum media exposure and could guarantee product support, thus exceeding anyone else from the local and national level. Dupuis also has potential financial backing for the right Modified deal in 1995 at Riverside.

Bruce D'Alessandro is a former Champion (1989) and had one win at Riverside in 1994. He currently drives for flamboyant Modified Tour owner Ben Dodge, who's a promoter at Riverside as well.

D'Alessandro has had a great deal of success in the big league of Modified Tour racing in a short time. For 1995, he also offers good driving ability and financial sponsor support that could benefit any team in the Modifieds at Riverside.

Stan Greger, Renee Dupuis, and Bruce D'Alessandro ... three top-shelf drivers without rides, yet each with the opportunity for some potential owner to succeed and win the lion's share of the \$70,000 Riverside point fund in 1995.

On March 25th, when the Park reopens, you might be surprised, as these three drivers are almost guaranteed to be in the lineup.

It's a tradition—Riverside attracts the best! And these drivers are three of the best!

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Kelly Kunkel, second, and Alicyn Siano, third in 200-yard individual medley; Sarah Nacewicz, second, and Kelly Robinson, third in 200-yard freestyle; Kelli Kunkel, first, Melissa Sparver, second, and Trina Bowler, third in 50-yard freestyle; Alicyn Siano, first, Kelly Robinson, second, and Gina LeClair, third in 100-yard butterfly; Kimberly Sullivan, first, Michelle Heim, second, and Jennifer McGuire, third in 100-yard freestyle; Kimberly Sullivan, first, and Sarah Nacewicz, second in 100-yard backstroke; Danielle Deforge, first, and Christy Roberts, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

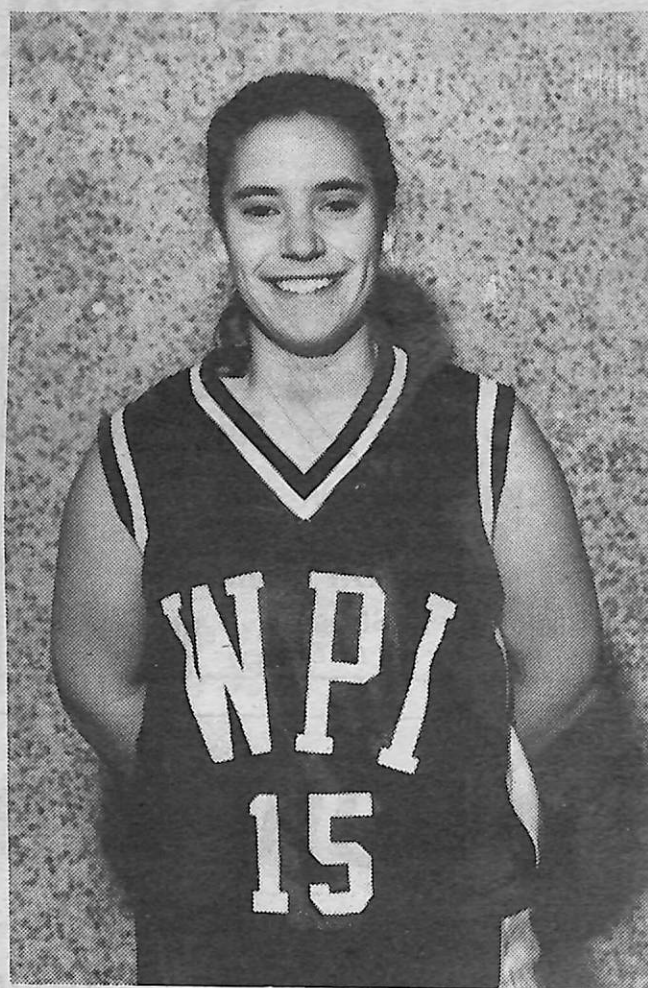
**Boys 13-14:**

Nicolas Duquette, first in 50-yard freestyle, and second in 100-yard freestyle.

**Girls 15-18:**

Rachel Niemiec, second in 200-yard individual medley; Natalie Piccin, first in 100-yard butterfly, and third in 100-yard freestyle; Rachel Niemiec, first in 100-yard backstroke; Tara Rivkin, second in 100-yard breaststroke.

## Now Playing For WPI



**LAURA BIELITZ** of Agawam is a member of the women's basketball team at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester. Laura is a 1993 graduate of Agawam High School and played under AHS girls' coach Lou Conte.

## Riverside Speedway Offers Special VIP Pass For 1995 Racing Season

Where can you see a Busch Grand National race, a Modified Tour race, or a five-division Midget Show for just \$6.50? At Riverside, that is!

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The Riverside Speedway "Executive VIP Season Pass 1995" is on sale for the holidays for JUST \$200! This averages out to \$6.50 per race program for 31-plus events. It includes the season opener on March 25th—the four-division "Big Chill," plus the NASCAR Modified Tour midweek event, the Busch Grand National North 125, the Riverside 500, all Sunday Marathon Madness events, holiday fireworks specials, and that's not all.

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Tickets can be processed today and will include an added bonus—the "1994 Banquet Year In Review" book, plus the color race schedule, poster, and brochure. One nice package for just \$200 ... a summer's worth of fun!

Riverside Speedway Executive VIP Season passes are available by calling (413) 786-9300, extension 3264 (attention Mary). In addition to reserving them by phone, you can purchase them in person at the Speedway office or by mail: Riverside Park Speedway, Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001 (Attn.: Mary). Please send a check with your written request.

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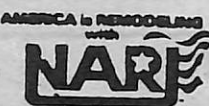
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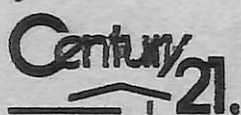
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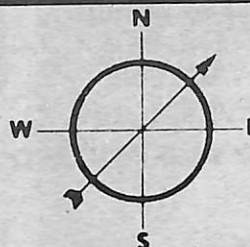
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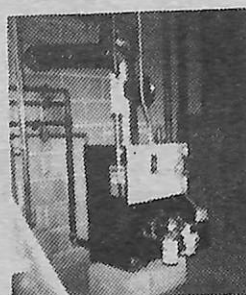
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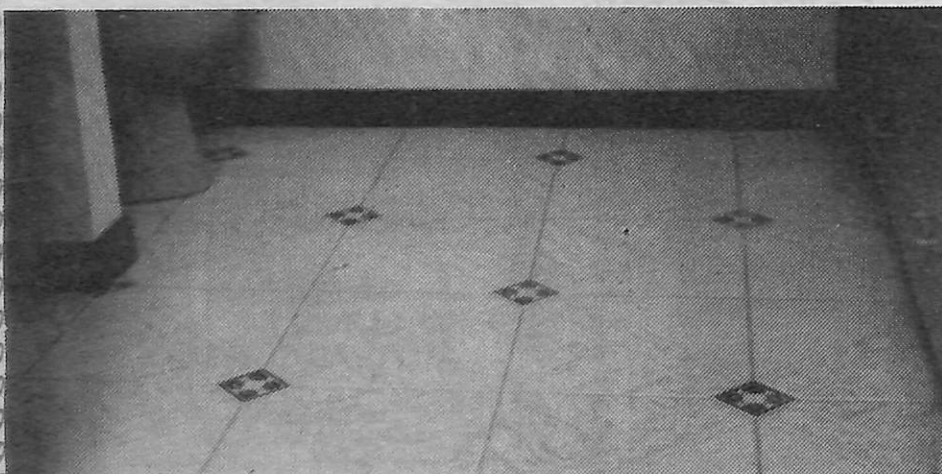
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